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## AMERICANS REALISE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING BRITAIN EVEN AT RISK OF ENTERING THE WAR

### Vast Change In Public Opinion In The Past Four Months

ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, A GALLUP POLL FOR A PRELIMINARY VOTE ON THE QUESTION: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE GERMANS WANT TO MAKE SLAVES OF EUROPE AND TO CONTROL AMERICAN TRADE AND INDUSTRY, REVEAL THAT 80 PER CENT. OF AMERICANS ANSWERED "YES," STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

When President Roosevelt went before the microphone yesterday to tell the United States of his new plans for aiding Britain against the Nazi menace, he knew that he had the sympathy of a great and growing majority of American people who recognised that their future is bound up with a British victory.

A Gallup poll showed that 60 per cent. of the people of the United States think it much more important for their country to help Great Britain even at the risk of entering the war themselves, than to keep out of war.

## ATTACK ON CONVOY IN ATLANTIC

### CASUALTIES ON BERWICK

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced today that a British convoy in the North Atlantic was attacked by an enemy raider on Christmas Day.

One ship was hit. The escorting force engaged the enemy at long range and one shell from the British warship appeared to have hit the raider amidstships but the result is unknown.

H. M. S. Berwick (10,000 tons) sustained slight damage and five casualties, but she is remaining at sea.

While the escorting force was pursuing the raider they intercepted a German merchantman, the Barden, 8,000 tons. The German vessel on the approach of the British warship set herself on fire.

H. M. S. Berwick (Capt. R. N. Warren) was formerly on the China Station.

## DEATH PENALTY FOR SABOTAGE

ROME, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Death is to be the penalty for large-scale acts of sabotage, hoarding and waste in Italy in future.

An official decree authorises capital punishment for "cornering" commodities against rice in prices and for destroying raw materials or agricultural or industrial products or their means of production, thereby damaging national economy.

In future the distribution and consumption of food supplies is to be controlled and the needs of the army to be met first.

## Roosevelt's Speech A Secret

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).

President Roosevelt, like the master politician that he is, has even in a public statement indicated the nature of the "firestorm" that he is going to give tonight to arouse excitement throughout the nation.

Nevertheless, journalists have not succeeded in prying out from the White House a single authentic detail about it.

At yesterday's Press conference Pres. Roosevelt astutely parried many questions all of which sought to break down the secrecy surrounding the talk.

All that the public knows is that it would be about aid for Britain and what the isolationists fear from that can be seen in the statement issued by them denouncing the letter from 170 educators and public men demanding that everything be done to defeat the Axis.

This new outburst by the isolationist group in Congress has made today's broadcast a point of major controversy in the foreign policy.

## VALONA RAIDED

The Royal Air Force made another raid on Valona yesterday, states a London message, when ships and other objectives were successfully bombed despite extremely bad weather.

All the bombs fell in the target area but the result could not be observed owing to heavy clouds.

All the British planes returned safely.

This represents a vast change in American opinion in the past four months, despite the fact that hitherto, the formula was "all aid short of war."

This shows that the feeling in America today is greater and increasing help for Great Britain.

## IMMEDIATELY GIVEN

An immediate Committee for giving help to the democracies and which is composed of Protestants, Catholics and Jews, issued a declaration yesterday, that war supplies should be immediately given or lent to Britain in her fight against tyranny.

On Saturday night, one of the leaders of the American automobile industry, Mr. Ruyter, broadcast an appeal from Washington to send Britain more and more fighter planes immediately. The speaker was one of the originators of President Roosevelt's plan to pull resources of the automobile industry to produce 5,000 war planes a day.

"We mean to turn out enough planes to swamp the German air force," he said.

The United States Press continued to strongly support help for Britain. Two writers from the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, who have hitherto hesitated on this question, yesterday condemned any American who would appease the Axis.

## WILL ATTACK U.S.

Yesterday, the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE in a leading article says that the second World War has arrived and that Germany will attack the United States just as soon as it suits her. "Aid to Britain is a necessity which permits of no hesitation," says the newspaper.

In the same paper, the outstanding American commentator, Major Fielding Elliot, urges the formation of a national defence committee to co-operate U.S. defence.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt has been receiving thousands of telegrams from all over the United States, strongly supporting the policy of greater aid for Great Britain.

All this has raised apprehension in Berlin and Rome and reports received in London shows that growing concern of the Axis Powers over this American aid.

Axis newspapers have emphasised that the American proposal to deliver supplies and ships to Elre will be a violation of American neutrality.

## JAPAN WILL MOVE

Signor Gayda, writing in the GIORNALE D'ITALIA, states that Japan will immediately move under the terms of the Three-Power Pact if America delivers arms to Elre.

All these frantic warnings are regarded as an attempt to deter President Roosevelt from giving further help to Britain.

## THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

The offices of the Hongkong Daily Press will be closed on New Year's Day, but will reopen as usual on Thursday. There will be no issue of the paper on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1941.

The next issue after the holidays will appear on Friday, Jan. 3, 1941.

Advertisers are kindly requested to send in their copy as early as possible tomorrow.

Contributors likewise are earnestly asked to co-operate by sending in their "copy" early tomorrow.

## Growing Signs Of Unrest In Rumania

Words found on a number of pamphlets which have been discovered in Rumania, according to a London message yesterday.

The pamphlets expressed growing faith in the Allied cause and assured the Rumanians that only by a British victory could their freedom be regained.

Another report states that there are growing signs of uneasiness in Rumania owing to the activities of the Iron Guards.

It was also stated from Bucharest yesterday that railway communication from Rumania and Hungary has been restricted suddenly.

It is suggested that this may be due to the report of German troop movements though the official explanation is that the railways are required for the transport of goods now that the Danube is frozen.

## NO SHORTAGE OF ALUMINIUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The recent report from Los Angeles to the effect that aircraft production is curtailed owing to the shortage of aluminium drew a retort from Mr. Stettinius, Defence Minister of industrial materials, that supplies of aluminium are ample for the needs of defence and added it is unfortunate that public anxiety over the national defence should be based on reports of non-existent shortages.

## —On Other— Pages

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## VITAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY VICHY CABINET AFTER HEARING REPORT FROM ADMIRAL DARLAN

### Bitter Anti-German Feeling In France

The Vichy Cabinet is reported to have adjourned on Saturday night without reaching a decision, states a London message. It will probably meet again today or on Tuesday.

Although the exact nature of the deliberations have not been disclosed, it is understood that the Cabinet discussed vital subjects after hearing a report from Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Minister of Marine, on his recent visit to Paris. Admiral Darlan is said to have had discussions with high German personalities.

Another report says that the Germans suggested an alliance against Britain, but according to this report, Marshal Petain refused. The Germans are nevertheless still believed to be pressing their demand on Vichy.

Evidence that Gen. de Gaulle's appeal is likely to meet with a sympathetic response from the French public, is seen in an admission by the German-controlled Paris Radio of bitter anti-German feeling in France.

The announcement complains that when R.A.F. bombers made a raid, a young French woman exclaimed: "The English at last, God bless their bombs." The Italians appear also to have some misgivings about the trend of opinion in France. An Italian broadcast states: "While Italy is engaged in a life and death struggle against the strongest Empire in the world, we cannot trust the French."

**FIRM REFUSAL**  
LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The firm refusal of the Petain Government to hand over the French Fleet to Herr Hitler was the message which Admiral Darlan took to Hitler, according to the Free French News Agency.

Information reaching the Agency from which are described as the "best sources" is said to confirm that Marshal Petain refused to consent to demands which infringe the armistice conditions which he believed he had "honourably" obtained from Hitler.

The Agency comments on the irony by which Darlan, whom the Germans relied upon second only to M. Laval on account of his supposedly anti-British sentiments, was the bearer of Petain's refusal to Herr Abetz, Hitler's ambassador in Paris.

The Agency interprets the present attitude of Vichy as follows: "France, being compelled to ask for an armistice, accepted the conditions which included neither the surrender of the Fleet nor the cession of strategic bases in the Mediterranean or North Africa."

## Position In Greece Is Different From Aspirations Of Italian High Command

IT IS TWO MONTHS TODAY SINCE ITALY WANTONLY INVAD-ED GREECE, but the position there is different today from the aspirations of the Italian High Command, states a London message.

Italian troops have already been pushed out of a large part of Albania by the valiant Greek Army and unconfirmed reports state that the latest Greek success is the capture of Liria.

According to this report, the Greeks outflanked this town after heavy fighting in snow.

Another Greek offensive has been launched to the north and north-west of Chirmarra, according to an Athens report. Greek mountain patrols broke through the Italians' defences and occupied important heights.

To the east of the central sector, a number of Italian prisoners were taken together with a rich haul of mountain guns and other materials. Reference to this success is contained in a brief Athens communique which says: "Pri-



KING IBN SAUD

## Plot Against Life Of King Ibn Saud

Two people have been sentenced to death and four others to terms of imprisonment as the result of the discovery of a plot against the life of King Ibn Saud of Arabia, states a London message.

Before the discovery of the plot was announced the Italians had been trying to make out that Britain had been inciting this attempt against the King which is ridiculous since Arabia is a close and strong friend of Britain.

## IMPORTANT JAPANESE ADMISSION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—In a leader dealing with the recent statement made by Colonel Maibuchi, Chief of the Japanese Army Press Section, to the effect that the early collapse of the Chungking Government is not likely and that the Tripartite alliance ultimately favours Chungking, the official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS sees an important admission of the Japanese position.

The daily declares such a frank statement on the part of a Japanese Army spokesman can only be aimed at preparing the Japanese public for the failure of the Japanese adventure in China, urging them at the same time to support the further increase in armaments for a final effort to conquer China.

## FRENCH TROOPS DRIVE BACK THAI FORCES

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—French troops drove back Thai forces which were alleged to have crossed the border in southern Cambodia.

The Thai troops abandoned the place and 15 men were killed, according to a semi-official Japanese report from Hanoi.

On Boxing Day, French authorities revealed that French and Thai aircraft carried out "pamphlet" raids over Pakhe and Dakhon respectively.

## UNLUCKY 13!

Thirteen Japanese air experts were killed when a new aeroplane which was undergoing test flights, crashed near Tokyo, states a London message.

## Today's News Summary

THERE HAS BEEN A VAST CHANGE in public opinion in the United States in the past four months and the Americans are realising that their future is bound up with a British victory and that it is more important to give help even at the risk of entering the war. President Roosevelt's message today is awaited with much eagerness.

WITHOUT REACHING A DECISION, the Vichy Cabinet adjourned its session on Saturday at which it is reported vital subjects were discussed after hearing a report from Admiral Darlan, Minister of Marine. Sympathetic response from the people in France is expected to General de Gaulle's message.

REVOLT AGAINST ITALIANS IN ABYSSINIA is growing. Rebel leaders who have arrived in Kenya to see about getting further assistance tell of attacks on Italian convoys and outposts.

H.M.S. BERWICK, 10,000-TON CRUISER, formerly on the China Station, sustained slight damage when a British convoy was attacked by an enemy raider in the North Atlantic on Christmas Day. The Berwick is remaining at sea.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL ASSAULT on Bardia are being made. British mechanised units are cleaning up enemy concentrations east and south of the port. The defenders are resisting despite the apparently hopeless position.



# In the World of Sports

## SING TAO NET FOUR AGAINST K. WAH

### Lee Kwok-kee Gives Fine Display In Goal

Displaying a superior knowledge of the game and better teamwork, SING TAO defeated KWONG WAH by four clear goals in the Senior Division of the League on the Club ground yesterday.

Always against great odds the losers never gave up fighting but found the winners' defence just that bit too strong to penetrate. Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang being rocklike defenders.

Soong Ling-sing was very prominent in the pivotal berth and, besides having a tight hold on Kwong Wah's inside trio, constantly supplied his forwards with nice passes.

There was complete cohesion among the forwards but Yeung Yick was the weak link in the line. Lai Shiu-wing and Fung King-cheung were in top form and gave Kwong Wah's defence a harassing time.

Kwong Wah, on the whole, played as good a game as could be expected, and on the run of play, deserved a goal or two. Their forwards, however, were not very accurate in their shooting and Cheung Wing-choi easily dealt with the shots that came his way.

#### HALVES WEAK

The halves were weak. Chung Kin-fai finding Lai a hard man to mark. This threw a lot of work on Leung Pak-wai and Chung Fai-lam who defended stoutly. Lee Kwok-kee was in wonderful form between the sticks, bringing off many good saves, especially in the second half, when Kwong Wah were hard pressed.

For the first 15 minutes, exchanges were fairly even with neither goalkeeper being seriously tested. Initiating a movement on the right, Fung sent Tang down the wing and from the latter's centre LAI SHIU-WING opened the scoring.

Taking up the attack Kwong Wah had had luck when Chin Chiu-fun struck the upright with Cheung out of goal. Ten minutes later Sing Tao increased their score through TANG KWONG-SUM who cut in to beat Lee with a cross shot.

#### HELD THEIR OWN

Up till then Kwong Wah held their own against their stronger opponents but after "lemon time" Sing Tao exerted their superiority and were more on the offensive.

## LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

### FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Eastern	14	10	3	1	44	21	23
S. China	13	10	2	1	40	13	22
Sing Tao	13	10	2	1	38	17	22
Middlesex	13	6	2	5	30	30	14
Kowloon	11	4	3	4	10	20	11
R. Navy	12	6	5	3	34	9	9
R. Scouts	12	3	7	20	29	7	7
Police	11	3	1	7	20	27	7
St. Joseph's	11	3	6	18	31	7	7
Club	11	3	1	7	21	38	7
Kwong Wah	13	1	4	8	23	40	8

### SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
R.E.s	14	12	2	0	71	12	28
S. China	14	9	4	1	61	9	22
Middlesex	15	9	3	3	49	21	21
R.A.S.C.	13	9	1	3	66	24	19
Sing Tao	14	8	3	3	40	20	19
R. Navy	14	8	1	5	41	17	17
R. Scouts	15	8	1	6	37	28	17
Kit Chie	15	6	2	7	30	47	12
30th R.A.	15	4	4	7	33	47	12
Kwong Wah	14	4	3	7	20	39	11
R.A.O.C.	13	3	2	8	20	38	8
Club	12	3	1	10	12	31	5
Police	14	2	1	11	18	55	5
Kowloon	14	0	2	12	15	77	1

### THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Signals	16	10	4	2	34	18	24
R.A.F.	13	10	2	1	37	15	22
30th R.A.	14	8	2	4	45	21	18
24th R.A.	14	7	3	4	34	15	17
R.E.s	14	7	1	6	28	24	15
12th R.A.	15	6	4	5	22	47	12
R.A.M.C.	15	7	2	6	23	41	11
Internat	15	6	2	7	30	34	14
7th R.A.	15	6	3	6	31	28	15
35th R.A.	12	5	4	3	27	24	13
20th R.A.	13	4	3	6	28	23	11
R.A.S.C.	14	3	1	10	12	32	7
Shell	15	2	3	10	11	43	7
A.S.A.	11	0	0	11	5	47	0

## Small Boys' Miniature Soccer

The Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature soccer league has finished. National English College won the Championship, with Wah Yan College second.

The presentation of trophies will take place today at 3.30 p.m. at the McPherson Playground, Homumtun. Mr. D. P. Lai has kindly consented to give away the trophies.

Following the presentation, an exhibition match will be played between the Champions and the Rest.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.
Nat. Eng. Col.	9	8	1	0	30	17	17
Wah Yan	9	7	1	1	39	15	15
Man Sang	9	6	1	2	18	13	13
Ming San Sch.	9	6	1	2	24	13	13
Tak Ming							
Mid Sch.	9	5	2	2	40	12	12
Nam Mo							
Mid Sch.	9	3	1	5	11	7	7
Mun Fan							
Mid Sch.	9	2	1	6	7	5	5
Kowloon							
Eng. Sch.	9	2	0	7	10	4	4
Primary Sch. (of C'lon, Univ.)	9	1	2	6	5	4	4
Wah Nam							
Mid Sch.	9	0	0	9	2	0	0

Cheung Chung-kan and Chong Kam-tsun, for Kit Chee.

#### THIRD DIVISION

Following are results of yesterday's Third Division matches: 12th R.A. beat A.S.A. 2-0; R.A.M.C. drew with 7th R.A. 2-2; Signals beat International 2-1.

#### JUNIOR WIN

On the Club ground, Sing Tao proved too strong for Kwong Wah juniors and won by 4-0. Tam Chan-keen, centre-forward, scoring all the goals.

## SATURDAY'S SOCCER:

### EASTERN, S. CHINA TAKE FULL POINTS: CLUB BEAT SAINTS BY LONE GOAL

ALL SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES WENT AS EXPECTED AND BOTH THE LEADING TEAMS, EASTERN AND SOUTH CHINA, obtaining clear-cut victories over Royal Scots and Kowloon, respectively. Full points were also obtained by Middlesex and Club.

Giving a much superior display in the first half Eastern ran up a two-goal lead against Royal Scots at Sookunpoo but fell off in the second half and had to fight hard to remain at the top of the table, there being no score in the second half.

Before the Scots had time to settle down Eastern at once got into their stride and with the game only a few minutes old C. T. Tsao, Ulrich, Eastman, Pereira, Silva, opened their account from a pass from Hyul. Continuing to play pretty soccer Eastern always had the upper hand and Hyul, following a good movement on the right, put in the second.

After the interval the Scots improved a great deal and with Nay-smith and Fraser putting up a stout defence their forwards were more in the picture but weak finishes on their part spoilt many chances. Hossack led the attack but the wingers were weak.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Nay-smith, Fraser, Munro, Falconer, Clark, Garrie, Gordon, Hossack, Cook and Marshall.

EASTERN—Lau Eln-hon; Kong Shing-king, Ng Kee-cheung; C. T. Tsao, Hsu King-sing, Lo Wai-ken; Ching Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyul, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

#### POINTS FOR CHAMPIONS

Fielding a weakened eleven Kowloon proved no match for the champions, South China, and only the heroic defence put up by Lapsley, Lamb and Ulrich saved them from a heavier defeat than by three clear goals.

With a weak half line to deal with the Chinese front men were given plenty of room to manoeuvre and Chan Tak-kee and Chow Man-chi were constantly supplied with beautiful passes by Lee Wai-tong who was content to lay back.

#### SCRAPPY GAME

A lone goal scored by Fowler in the first half gave Club full points when they met St. Joseph's at the Valley. (The game was scrappy with neither side showing much combination.)

## NEW BRIGHTON'S BIG WIN

### Home Soccer Results

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The following are the results of Home football matches played yesterday:—

#### NORTH

Burnley 6, Lincoln 0.	Sheff. Wed. 2, Sheff. U. 0.
Chester 2, Oldham 4.	Southport 3, Stockport 0.
Crews 2, Wrexham 0.	York 0, Bradford 0.
Doncaster 3, Middlesbrough 4.	
Huddersfield 5, Manchester C. 0.	
Leeds 2, Chesterfield 0.	
Liverpool 1, Tranmere 2.	
Manchester U. 2, Blackburn 3.	
New Brighton 9, Everton 0.	
Newcastle 5, Grimsby 2.	
Rochdale 0, Bury 3.	
Rotherham 2, Sheffield U. 0.	

#### SOUTH

Arsenal 1, Luton 8.	Watford 1, Southend 1.
Brentford 3, Millwall 2.	West Brom. 5, Notts Forest 3.
Brighton 1, Crystal Palace 5.	West Ham 1, Fulham 1.
Cardiff 5, Bournemouth 1.	
Chelsea 6, Aldershot 0.	
Clapton Orient 0, Tottenham 7.	
Coventry 4, Birmingham 7.	
Norwich 3, Mansfield 1.	
Notts County 2, Leicester 0.	
Southampton 0, Bristol City 5.	
Walsall 5, Stoke 1.	

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrieonians 0, Rangers 2.	St. Mirren 4, Dumbarton 0.
Celtic 5, Queen's Park 1.	Third Lanark 2, Hearts 0.
Falkirk 2, Albion 0.	
Hibernian 3, Hamilton 1.	
Motherwell 4, Clyde 6.	
Partick 2, Morton 2.	

## Yachting

### SWEEPSTAKE RACE

The Sweepstakes race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday resulted in wins for Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills) in the "A" Class, and Alisa (Capt. W. A. Ingram) in the Mixed Class.

	Finished Pos.
Gull, A9	16.38.12 1
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills).	
Koala, A18	16.42.22 2
(Mrs. M. Johnson).	
Redshank, A10	16.43.17 3
(Mr. J. Krogh Moe).	
Maureen, A19	16.44.35 4
(Mr. D. G. G. Allen).	
Artemis, A4	16.44.51 5
(Mr. G. G. Wood).	
True Blue, A11	16.45.30 6
(Mr. L. Garner).	
Painted Lady, A14	16.49.06 7
(Dr. Dean Smith).	
La Linda, A16	16.50.05 8
(Mr. Chiddell).	
Jean, A15	16.50.55 9
(Mr. L. Baker).	
Isobel, A7	16.52.49 10
(Capt. R. W. Berridge).	
Tyrone, A8	16.54.37 11
(Mr. N. D. Christensen).	

A very even encounter was seen at Boundary Street when Middlesex beat Royal Navy by the odd goal in five. Both teams were strong in defence but the military eleven had a slight advantage in their attack.

Bright played a sterling game at centre-half while Jackson celebrated his return with a sound display between the sticks.

Before the interval goals by Bullen and Phipps saw the teams crossed over on level terms. After the breather "Diehards" took the lead through Saw and Pearson while Phipps reduced the deficit.

MIDDLESEX—Jackson; Parker, Sheeham; Thomas, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Bullen, Saw and Thomas.

NAVY—Robinson; Roughley, Britt; Honeywell, Croft, Barber; Phipps, Le Page, Hendy, Shepherd and Hawking.

Results of other league games were as follows:—

SECOND DIVISION  
Kowloon 0, S. China 10.  
R.A.O.C. 1, Royal Scots 5.  
Club 0, R. Engineers 9.  
Middlesex 1, Navy 2.  
30th R.A. 3, H.A.S.C. 1.

THIRD DIVISION  
International 1, Signals 2.  
38th R.A. 3, R. Engineers 2.  
Shell 2, 24th R.A. 5.

## Anderson's Undefeated Century

Helped by an undefeated knock of 117 by D. J. N. Anderson the Volunteers inflicted heavy defeat on the Royal Scots when they met in a whole day friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Volunteers won by an innings and 117 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket, Volunteers ran up the huge score of 278 runs for six wickets. Apart from the century by Anderson other big scorers were N. A. E. Mackay (49), R. H. Griffiths (45) and R. J. Attwell (32). Bateman took three wickets for 66.

#### MCLELLAN IN FORM

Against the fine bowling of D. McLellan, Royal Scots could only total 78 runs, the chief contributor being Major Godley with 32.

McLellan 5, for 13, and Booker 2 for 5, did all the damage.

Going in a second time Royal Scots scored 83 with Cpl. Alsey and Leut. Fergus each contributing 19. L. T. Ride and Mackay each took three wickets for 13 and 10 respectively.

## QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

### R.N. DEFEAT ARMY

Royal Navy won the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday in defeating Army by a goal and two tries (11 points) to nil, after leading at the interval by six points.

Navy have yet one game to play against Police next Saturday, but they have already won the Tournament regardless of the result of that game.

Navy's success was well deserved and due to excellent teamwork. The first try came after 20 minutes of play, Paul fielding the ball a yard from touch and evading four defenders to score. King took the kick but was charged down by Ford.

Five minutes later Bowden broke through with the ball at his feet and Paul, following up, handed off Pickett and raced over in the corner for a try. King failed with a difficult kick and there was no further score till the interval.

Navy's remaining points came very near the end of the game when Honeywell took a pass from O'Riordan at top speed and went clean through the centre to score close in for Paul to add the goal points.

The teams were: NAVY:—Morahan; McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden; O'Riordan and Rutherford; Manfield, Watson (Capt.), Winter; King, Stockham; Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

A R. M. Y.:—Pieton; Richards, Coombes, Douglas and Macdonald; Hook (Capt.) and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas; Millar, Berry; Duke, Pinkerton and Gillman.

POLICE DEFEATED Club beat Police by 35 points to 8 in their first Quadrangular Tournament game, playing on their own ground, leading 9-0 at the interval.

Charter, Bosanquet and Godfrey scored tries for Club in the first half. After the interval, Bosanquet went over for Charter to convert. Rose kicked an excellent penalty for Police from 35 yards.

Immediately after, Godfrey scored another try for Club and Rose added further points for Police by scoring a second penalty.

Club, Stewart and Thomson scored further tries for Club, Burford converting from the latter's effort.

The teams were: CLUB:—Thompson; Bosanquet, Morgan, D. Hynes and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heasman; Walkden, Needham; Godfrey, Taylor (Capt.) and Kennedy.

## LEI YUK-FUNG WINS OPEN 10,000 METRES AT S.C.A.A. MEET

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING OF THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION was held yesterday at Caroline Hill when some keen competition was seen though times and distances in general were very much on the poor side.

A feature of the meet was the race set by Lei Yuk-fung in the Open 10,000 metres race when he beat Lewis, of Royal Corps of Signals, in 38 mins. 7 secs., returning the fastest time for the distance locally in two years.

The South China A. A. club events saw the appearance for the first time in the competition of a number of inter-school athletes, among them Sin Kwok-bun, still at King's College, who took second place in all three sprint events.

Another athlete who did well was Chu Fook-sing, second in the pole vault, long jump, discus and javelin throws and third in the high hurdles. Wong Ki-lim, another former King's College inter-school representative, took first place in the long jump and triple jump. Fong Chi-hung, of Wah Yan, was first in the pole vault and second in the long jump.

The prizes were given away by Mr. Fok Po-choi, Director of South China Athletic Association, at the conclusion of the meet.

#### RESULTS

100 Metres: 1. Yu Kai-yan, 2. Sin Kwok-bun. Time: 12 secs.

200 Metres: 1. Cheung Chau, 2. Sin Kwok-bun, 3. Lung Kai-ming. Time: 25.1 secs.

400 Metres: 1. Cheung Chau, 2. Sing Kwok-bun, 3. Cheung Kai-pui. Time: 58.2 secs.

800 Metres: 1. Lai Pan-yun, 2. Chan Chiu-wai, 3. Lau Sam-tai. Time: 2 mins. 22.3 secs.

1,500 Metres: 1. Chan Chiu-wai, 2. Lai Pan-yun, 3. Lam Kin-fan. Time: 38 mins. 07 sec.

10,000 Metres Open to Colony: 1. Lei Yuk-fung, 2. Sig. Lewis, 3. Lam Kin-fan. Time: 38 mins. 07 sec.

110 Metres High Hurdles: 1. Wong Ki-lim, 2. Liu Kwai-chuen, 3. Chu Fook-sing.

400 Metres Low Hurdles: 1. Ling Kai-ming, 2. Wong Shu-chuen, 3. Chang Kwan-min. Time: 68.4 secs.

High Jump: 1. Chang Kwan-min. Height: 1.84 metres.

Pole Vault: 1. Fong Chi-hung, 2. Chu Fook-sing, 3. Kwan Chupui. Height: 9 feet 3 inches.

NAVY:—Morahan; McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden; O'Riordan and Rutherford; Manfield, Watson (Capt.), Winter; King, Stockham; Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

A R. M. Y.:—Pieton; Richards, Coombes, Douglas and Macdonald; Hook (Capt.) and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas; Millar, Berry; Duke, Pinkerton and Gillman.

POLICE DEFEATED Club beat Police by 35 points to 8 in their first Quadrangular Tournament game, playing on their own ground, leading 9-0 at the interval.

Charter, Bosanquet and Godfrey scored tries for Club in the first half. After the interval, Bosanquet went over for Charter to convert. Rose kicked an excellent penalty for Police from 35 yards.

Immediately after, Godfrey scored another try for Club and Rose added further points for Police by scoring a second penalty.

Club, Stewart and Thomson scored further tries for Club, Burford converting from the latter's effort.

The teams were: CLUB:—Thompson; Bosanquet, Morgan, D. Hynes and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Macrae, Burford, Heasman; Walkden, Needham; Godfrey, Taylor (Capt.) and Kennedy.

POLICE:—Cullinan (Capt.); Reynolds, Howlett, Innes and Dingdale; Jackson and Morrison; Rose, Lewis, Beattie, Jenner, Oakley, Wright-Nooth, Hogarth and Hackett.

RESULTS  
100 Metres: 1. Yu Kai-yan, 2. Sin Kw



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## COMING EVENTS

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30—Times: High 11.24 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 2.20 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m. Crown Land Salt, P.W.D., 3 p.m. Hongkong and Canton Ice Mfg. Co., Ltd., annual meeting, 11 a.m. Kowloon Union Church Club Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth, 6.15 p.m. Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon. Catholic Cathedral, Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the "Quarant Ore".

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. 31—Times: High 12.06 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.02 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Claims against Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen (Agents Melchers and Co., Chien Hsin Engineering Co., Ltd.) due. Watchnight Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m. Kowloon Cricket Club, Annual Fancy Dress Ball.

Craigengower C. C. President's Dance, 9.30 p.m. American Club Dance. Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition, Kowloon. H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m. Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

St. Stephen's College, Stanley: Entrance Examination for New Students 9 a.m. JAN. 1—Times: High 12.48 p.m. and 11.20 p.m. Low 5.47 a.m. and 4.44 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.50 p.m. New Year's Day.

Fanning Hunt to meet at Fanning Lodge, 2.45 p.m. 2—Times: High 1.33 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.24 a.m. and 4.27 p.m. Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House.

St. Stephen's College, Stanley, Re-opens. 3—Times: High 2.18 p.m. Low 6.59 a.m. and 6.17 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.52 p.m. Claims against estate of Yeung Shing due.

China Fleet Club Theatre—Variety Entertainment in aid of S.P.C. Sino-British Cultural Assn. (H.K. Branch), Annual Dinner, Chinese Merchants' Club, 8.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Entertainment in aid of H.K.S.P.C., 9.15 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor to pay in-formal visit to H.K. and Whampoa Dock, 4 p.m. 4—Times: High 12.16 a.m. and 3.05 p.m. Low 7.38 a.m. and 7.18 p.m. Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 5.52 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor leaves for Fanning Lodge.

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"HI, GANG!" VARIETY FROM LONDON

Borodin Quartet. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession. 12.30 Sydney Gustard at the Organ. Musical Comedy Medley. Intro. Please don't flirt with me ("Tonight's the Night"); Waltz ("Gipsy Love"); Waltz ("Count of Luxembourg"); The Love-Nest ("Mary"); Waltz and Finale ("The Merry Widow"); Funeral March of a Marionette (Gounod); Nola (Arndt).

12.45 Dance Music by Jack Payne and His Band. Quicksteps—I Must Have One More Kiss, Kiss, Kiss; Cheerio, I'll Be Seeing You. Fox-Trot—The Darling of the Guards. Slow Fox-Trot—"The Grandest Song of All"; Fox-Trot—"The Navy's Here".

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report. 1.03 Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) and Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Stradella—Overture (von Flotow). Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Fill A Glass with Golden Wine (Hendley and Quilter)—Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) w. Piano. Carlsbad Doll Dance (Pfeifer)—Bournemouth Municipal Orch. Sing Me to Sleep (Bingham and Greene). Come, Sing to Me (Thompson)—Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) w. Orch. Flattering Birds (Gennin). Idylle Bretonne (Gennin)—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Report and Announcements. 1.45 Borodin—Quartet No. 2 in D Major. 1st. Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd. Mov: Scherzo (Allegro-Vivace); 3rd. Mov: Notturmo—Andante; 4th. Mov: Finale (Andante-Vivace)—Pro Arte Quartet.

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2.15 Close down. 2.45 Indian Programme. 3.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Variety. Comedienne—Why Did I Have to Meet You? (film Queen of Hearts)—Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Orch.—Savoy Soldiers Songs—Debroy Somers Band with Male Quartette. Humorous—Clothes (Crick & Others); The Seaside (Crick & Others)—Murphy and Winterbottom with Piano. Vocal—Now It Can Be Told (film "Alexander's Ragtime Band")—Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Humorous—The Biggest Aspidochelone in the World (Connor & Other—Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Orch.—Savoy Minstrel Songs—Debroy Somers Band with Male Quartette. 7.00 London Relay—The News. 7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Light Orchestral Selections, and Grace Moore (Soprano). Drury Lane Memories—Medley—Regal Cinema Orchestra. Ciribiribin (Dole, Festalozza); One Night of Love (Schertzing, Kahn)—Grace Moore (Sop.) with Orchestra and Male Chorus. Strauss. Polka; Offenbach Can-Can—Light Symphony Orchestra. Stars in My Eyes (film The King Steps Out)—Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. The Buttery (Band)—Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orch.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 This week's programme. 8.07 Songs by Robert Ashley (Tenor). Thanks a Million (from the film); Moon for Sale (Rosen and Others). Bird on the Wing (Kennedy and Groz).

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!" 9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary. 9.30 Variety. Organ—A Day in London—Selection—Al. Bollington Humorous—Orange Peel—A Comedy "Ode"; The Tale of Hector Cramp—A Comedy "Ode". Cyril Fletcher (The Utterly Refrained Entertainer). Vocal—Trust in Me (Ager & Others); A Little Ramble in Springtime with You (Sarany & Other—Greta Keller with Orchestra. Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 12. Intro: You are my lucky star; I've got a Feeling! You're Poilin'; She's funny that way; Did you ever have a feeling you're flying; A little dash of Dublin; Everything's in Rhythm with my heart—Charlie Kunz Vocal—Frankie and Johnnie; Return of the Gay Cavalier—Frank Crumit. Vocal and Organ—The Chestnut Tree (Kennedy and Others); Let's All Sing Like the Birdies Sing; She Was One of the Early Birds; In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree—The Audience of the Paramount Theatre, London, with Al. Bollington. Humorous—The Death of Willie; The Martins and the Coys.—Bob Dyer (The Last of the Hill Billies) w. Orch.

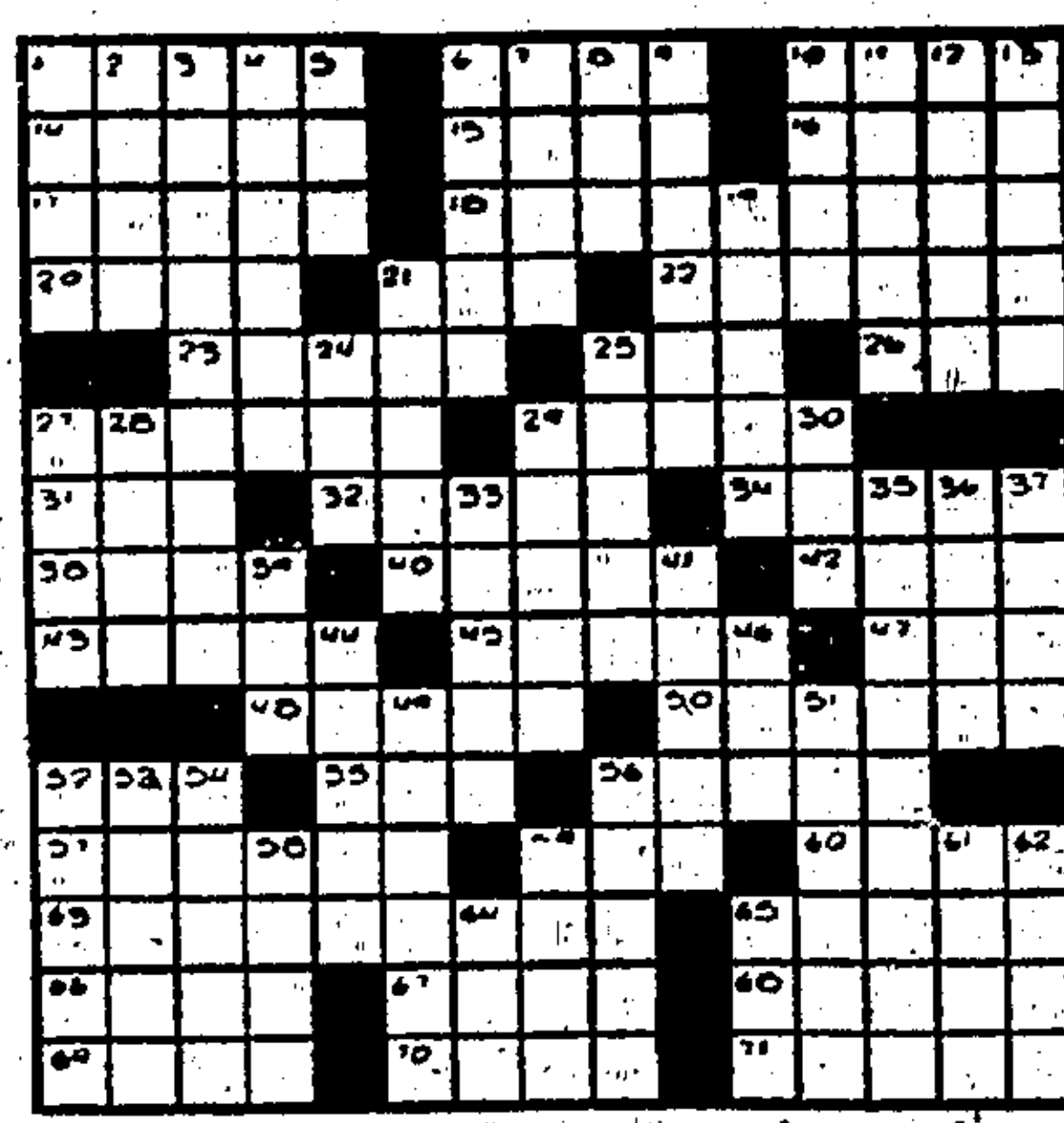
10.15 Latest Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Blue Ribbon Rag; Sweet Potato Paper (film "Road to Singapore")—Arthur Young and Hatchett's Swingtette featuring Stephanie Grappelly and Beryl Davis. Waltzes—Vienna Folk; Schonbrunn—Harry Horlick and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—"Neath the Shanty Town Moon; Give out—The Six Swingers. Blues—The Ghost of Smokey Joe (from "Cotton Club Parade"); Fox-Trot—"Flooie Walk" (from "Cotton Club Parade")—The Six Swingers. Tangos—Mallinola; Elegante Papirusa—Bernardo Alamy and His Argentinian Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trot—You, You Darling; So Far, So Good—Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—"A Little Rocky Valley; Fox-Trot—"A Little King Without A Crown; Joe Loss and His Orchestra. Waltz—"If I Should Fall in Love Again"—Josephine Bradley and Her Strict Tempo Dance Orch.

11.00 Close down.

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29 Small finch  
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34 Grass found in marshes  
35 Viscid  
36 resinous substance  
37 The upper air  
38 Automobile device for sounding warnings  
39 Across (poetic)  
40 The one mentioned second  
41 Rest  
42 Heavenly body  
43 Substitute for soap  
44 Reimburse with courage  
45 More dis-honorable  
46 Season of fasting  
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## MATSUOKA'S HONEYED WORDS: DEEP SYMPATHY WITH FRANCE

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday voiced deep sympathy for "the difficult position of France" and disclaimed any desire to take advantage of it during the impending economic negotiations in Tokyo with the Indo-China trade delegation.

Mr. Matsuoka was addressing a gathering at a luncheon given in honour of the visiting French delegates at his official residence.

The Foreign Minister promised that Japan's request would not be difficult to comply with but cited the present needs of the Japanese nation for closer co-operation with Indo-China.

### JAPAN'S PRINCIPLES

Mr. Matsuoka declared: "It is put in the Japanese character to take advantage of the weakness of others to achieve one's ambitions."

"Japan is more apt to make strong demands when France is strong; however, in view of France's weakened state, Japan will not make unreasonable proposals."

### JAPAN'S AIMS

Stating that "Japan aimed at the co-existence and co-prosperity of all mankind" he expressed the hope that Indo-China would co-operate with Japan through "just and close relations, contributing thereby to East Asia's stability and prosperity."

Japan, Mr. Matsuoka said, was confronted with "inescapable requirements" which should be considered.

The luncheon was attended by M. René Robin, former Governor-General of Indo-China, and chief of the special delegation from Vichy; M. Charles Arsene Henry, French Ambassador to Japan and president of the mission; M. Jean Cousin, Director-General of Finance of Indo-China; M. Louis Marty, Director of the Economic Bureau of Indo-China; six other French delegates; Mr. Toshio Saito, adviser to Mr. Matsuoka and former Japanese Ambassador to Italy; Mr. Chūichi Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Hajime Matsumiya, chief of the recent Japanese mission to Indo-China, and other officials of the Japanese Foreign Office.

## R.A.F. DESTROYED 31 ITALIAN PLANES IN ONE WEEK

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—During the week ending December 25 the R.A.F. destroyed 31 Italian planes, not including planes destroyed on the ground.

Ten were lost in Greece and 21 in the Western Desert.

The R.A.F. lost only seven machines on all fronts in the same period.

The grand total of Italian aircraft destroyed is now 416, as against 75 lost by the R.A.F.

## PRINCE PAUL TOURS ALBANIAN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Prince Paul of Greece received an enthusiastic reception yesterday when he visited Greek troops on the Albanian front.

He inspected military hospitals and met a Greek column on the march.

When offered a captured Italian revolver by a Greek M.C.O., Prince Paul told him to "keep it as a souvenir."

The M.C.O. replied: "Keep it, Your Highness, I'm sure to get another."

Prince Paul, according to an Italian radio file recently, had been arrested because he favoured acceptance of the Italian demands.

## GESTAPO IN ITALY

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Fear of the Gestapo has cast gloom over social events in Italy, according to a neutral traveller who has just left that country.

The usually lively cafes are now dreary places with the hubbub of animated conversation no longer heard.

There is no coffee and sugar is scarce, though there is plenty of spaghetti, owing to inability to export it through the British blockade.

Ma's are censored, while railway passenger traffic is 60 per cent. less than before the war.

The traveller added that few private motor-cars are seen in the streets.

## EIRE PROMISED AXIS SUPPORT

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—While the German press has warned the United States not to send ships to Eire, Italy has assured Eire that it should be "forced to defend herself against British tyranny and aggression" she will receive full support from the Axis.

Rome wireless on Friday night described Mr. de Valera's Christmas message as putting "the present situation between Britain and Eire in a proper light."

Commenting on Mr. de Valera's reference to the possibility of a crisis which might throw his people into a struggle for their liberty, the announcer added that these words were uttered "by the leader of a small neutral State whose only crime against the British people appears to be the possession of certain geographical advantages which would suit the British Admiralty in their fight against the Axis powers."

The announcer declared that should Eire be forced to defend herself against Britain "they will have at their command the full and whole-hearted support of the Axis powers."

## CIVIC FUNERAL FOR NAZI BOMB VICTIMS

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—An impressive civic funeral was given in Manchester yesterday for 72 of the city's inhabitants killed in the Nazi air raid earlier in the week.

The long line of coffins was draped with Union Jacks, and the service was attended by the Lord Mayor, civil dignitaries and prominent representatives of all religious bodies.

The Bishop of Manchester delivered an address at the grave side and the Requiem was led by the Bishop of Salford. Buglers then sounded the Last Post.

## SINO ENVOY TO SPAIN DISAPPEARED

MANILA, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—Mr. Ling Ho-wang, former Chinese Consul-General in the Philippines, disappeared on Friday morning on board the "President Pierce" while en route to Manila from Hongkong, according to the Manila customs authorities.

The ship's officers said on arrival in Manila that Mr. Ling attended a movie on board on Friday night and was last seen at four o'clock yesterday morning strolling on the deck.

Mr. Ling became Minister to Spain after leaving the Philippines. He was well-known in Manila, where he was going on business.

## EURASIANS AND THE COLOUR-BAR

The colour-bar provided Eurasians with innumerable hurdles which existed even to-day, said Mr. G. E. N. Oehlers in the course of a broadcast talk on the Singapore Eurasian community, says the Malaya Tribune.

After describing the early history of Malaya, Mr. Oehlers said that throughout his brief history, the Eurasian had found himself up against a certain amount of prejudice.

In India, in the early 19th century, the East India Company definitely refused to acknowledge that the Eurasian was anything but a negligible quantity, with no rights of citizenship.

In 1825, and again in 1831, petitions were sent to the British Parliament by leading members of the community. As a result of these petitions, an Act of Parliament in 1831 made others, besides the covenant servants of the Company, eligible for appointments as Justices of the Peace. And in the Government of India Act of 1833 we find this clause:—

"No native of the said territories, nor any natural-born subject of His Majesty, resident therein, shall by reason of birth, descent, colour or any of them, be disabled from holding any place, office or employment under the said Company."

Thus it was that the first Eurasians who came to Singapore from India, whether in the service of Sir Stamford Raffles or otherwise, were perhaps emancipated from what were termed "unjust regulations" of the East India Company.

COLOUR-BAR  
True, the colour-bar continued to provide Eurasians with innumerable hurdles which exist even today.

Only recently the Archbishop of Canterbury and York and Messrs. Westcott and Rogers presented of different religious bodies, referring to the "decision Press."

## NAZIS STILL PREPARING FOR INVASION: HITLER'S LAST HOPE

Nothing that is known of German preparations in Northern France justifies the belief that they have abandoned the intention of striking at us by air, said the London Times yesterday, and they will attempt an invasion if the gamble seems worth it.

The Fuehrer's visit to the Channel ports and his delicious speech to his bodyguard — "I don't know what your fate will be but so long as I have the honour to lead the fight at the head of the Reich it shall be an honour to you to bear my name and stand at the head of this battle—do not suggest abandonment of the great design."

The News Chronicle says that signs that Hitler will shortly attempt an invasion have multiplied over Christmas, and men well qualified to speak believe these signs are not merely a bluff to divert attention from the Balkans but a signal that the great assault is about to begin.

Both evidence and legitimate deductions accumulate in favour of those who believe in the imminence of an invasion.

The Navy and Air Force have been pounding the Channel ports more severely than at any time since mid-September.

### WE ARE READY

Hitler has spent Christmas touring one of the areas whence an invading force would start and has been addressing troops and airmen with an impudent disregard of all he had said to them before.

We have gone less talking but we have acted and our precautions are taken.

The Army is ready to toss back into the sea whatever enemy units may escape the vigilance of the Navy.

### RUIN ON HIS HEAD

The Air Force is ready to again fight and win a battle as decisive as that which it fought in September.

But whatever the truth may be as regards the time and place of invasion it is certain Hitler cannot afford a long war.

Soon he must take a decisive step that will assuredly bring ruin on his head.

### INDIAN STATEMENT

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—The President of the Indian National Liberal Federation declared in Calcutta yesterday that "this war is as much ours as Britain's."

He said they should not allow domestic quarrels to interfere with the effort to win the war against the enemy of all mankind.

He appealed for a statement promising Dominion status to India within two years, and added: "India needs Dominion status or the Westminster variety."

## CANADIAN PILOT HERO

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—A Canadian pilot is one of the heroes of the fighting round Bardia.

Yesterday he saw three Italian motor vehicles "dashing" out of Bardia.

He swooped, to the attack, riding the first car with machine-gun bullets. It crashed and the second car fled into it.

The third car received a burst of machine-gun fire and also crashed.

## ITALIAN OIL PROBLEM ACUTE

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuters).—That Italy's oil problem is already acute was the assertion made yesterday by the "Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, in Moscow.

None of the belligerents, said the journal, are big producers of oil and all have the same problem of obtaining this vital supply.

Britain depends on transport. Her tanker losses have been more than made up and she is able to get supplies.

Germany manufactures synthetic oil and captured supplies in occupied territory.

Italy's position is already difficult and the problem of getting oil to her forces in Africa is almost insoluble, owing to the British Navy.

Italy obtains most of her oil from Rumania and her position is exceedingly acute.

Oil is one of the targets of bombing, says the "Red Star," and the R.A.F. has been constantly attacking German refineries.

If the war spreads the problem of obtaining oil will become more acute for the Axis.

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING CAMPS

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps training camps will be held as follows:—

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6th camp—From Fri., Feb. 14, p.m. to Fri., Feb. 21, p.m.—Corps Artillery, 2nd Battery, 3rd Battery No. 6 Company.

7th camp—From Thurs, Feb. 27, p.m. to Thurs, Mar. 6, p.m.—Field Company, Engineers, Corps Signals, Mobile Column, No. 2 Company, No. 3 Company.

8th Camp—From Fri., Mar. 7, p.m. to Fri., Mar. 14, p.m.—No. 1 Company, No. 4 Company, No. 5 Company, No. 7 Company.

Army Service Corps Company (Transport and Supply Sections) and Field Ambulance—one week as detailed over the whole period.

Pay Section—As detailed by O.C. Pay Section.

Each camp lasts seven days and officers and volunteers are required to attend for the full period during which their units are under training unless special exemption has been obtained by themselves or their employers.

The very active co-operation of employers is requested so that each officer and volunteer may do his full time in camp, even if it means other employees doing extra work for that period. In this connection it is pointed out that telephones are installed in each camp site for the use of volunteers and it is preferable that a man be granted two or three hours leave from camp to attend any special business rather than he be exempted for several full days on the chance of his being required.

In special cases where exemption from a portion of the full period is sought employers should always request leave for the employees in writing from the Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road.

Employers are requested to make early applications for leave and not as has happened in many cases during the autumn camp, 1940, apply at the last moment.

## GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

Owing to a slight indisposition His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, was compelled to cancel his visit to the Fanling Golf Club yesterday where he was to have seen the new Captain play himself in and lunch later with the Committee.

His Excellency was suffering from fever but expects to return to Government House today.

H.E. Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham was a guest at Fanling Lodge during the week-end.

## DECISION REACHED ON CHINESE CEMETERIES

With the exception of the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Chinese Christian Cemetery, and the K'o Tung Cemetery, all Chinese cemeteries on Hongkong Island will be closed by Government as from Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1941.

Pending the completion of the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery at Fanling, all interments will take place in the No. 7 Cemetery at Ngau-chi-wan, Kowloon City.

Funeral barges will leave the Shaukiwan Farewell Pavilion at 8.15 a.m., Wanchai Farewell Pavilion at 9.30 a.m. and the West Point Farewell at 9 a.m. daily, respectively, and corteges will be escorted to the different pavilions between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

## CHINESE AIR RATES INCREASED

The Hongkong Office of the Overseas Aviation Corporation has announced the following revised rates of charges on parcels:—

1. From Hongkong to Kweilin or Chungking, H.K.\$3.50 per kilo.
2. To Kunming, H.K.\$8.00 per kilo.
3. To Chengtu, H.K.\$12.00 per kilo.
4. To Lanchow, H.K.\$17.00 per kilo.

It is also announced that the price of a chartered plane has also been increased, from H.K.\$10,000 to H.K.\$15,000, and to Chungking H.K.\$15,000.

## WEDDING AT REGISTRY

Mr. Mark Park-leung of No. 2, Tsing Fung Street, was married to Miss Fong Sau-ha, of No. 137, Calne Road, at the Registry on Saturday. Mr. J. Reynolds officiated.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fortcoming weddings announced are:

Mr. Yue Chan-tok, of No. 12, Queen's Road East, and Miss Leung Woon-wah of No. 11, Dragon Terrace.

Pte. J. M. Miller, 2nd Bn. Royal Scots, Mt. Austin Barracks, and Miss Lai Chun, No. 72, Lockhart Road.

Mr. Wong Kim-fa, No. 131, Calne Road, and Miss Sun Wai-ying, No. 42, Russell Street.

Mr. Ho Shek-chuen, No. 85, Bonham Strand East, and Miss Shum Yee-wan, No. 140, Tung-lo-wan Road.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE TIME SIGNAL

The time signal given by means of lights at 9 p.m. from the Royal Observatory will be repeated at midnight on December 31, the termination of the programme signifying the end of the year 1940.

## NEGOTIATIONS FOR RICE SUPPLIES PROCEEDING

It was officially learned that the negotiations between the Governments of Hongkong and Thailand for regular monthly supplies of rice for the Colony are still going on, and that the Government fixed prices will be lowered if conditions are favourable in the near future.

For the present, when the old crops are fast decreasing and supplies from the new crops are pending, the Government has released certain deteriorating reserved stocks to retailers it was also learned.

## RICE MOVEMENT PROHIBITED

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the movement of rice to the New Territories from Hongkong or from Kowloon or New Kowloon except by licence by the Controller of Trade, Mr. E.W. Hamilton, or under the hand of an officer of his department, is prohibited.

Under the same conditions, the export of diamonds is prohibited.

## NO H.K. CENSUS NEXT YEAR

It had been learned authoritatively that no census of the population of Hongkong will be taken in 1941.

Though this is contrary to custom Hongkong is no exception as it is intended that no census will be taken in any of the British Colonies next year.

No census will be taken until after the war, a modified plan of ascertaining the population in the Colony having been dropped on advice from London.

## PETROL MAY BE RATIONED SOON

Unless the consumption of petrol show an appreciable reduction it will be rationed early next year, it was learned from an authoritative source.

If the recent additional 20-cent per gallon increase in the tax is taken by motorists as a warning to reduce the use of gasoline, then there is every possibility that rationing will not be enforced.

## NO AMNESTY

Current rumours to the effect that Government has under consideration the granting of amnesty to certain prisoners on the occasion of the centenary of Hongkong were officially denied.

The reports had it that an amnesty would be granted to certain life and long-term prisoners who have shown good behaviour while serving their terms, some of whom were to have their sentences reduced considerably and others cancelled.

The name of Cheung Kwok-yau, son of a Singapore millionaire who was sentenced to death but whose sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment for complicity in a murder, was included in the rumours.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

### AT CENTRAL

#### GAOL FOR DUEGLAR

Luk Wan, 21, who described himself as a cameraman, appeared before Mr. Lowry on Saturday on a charge of stealing from Room No. 312B, China Building, on Dec. 20 one typewriter, two cotton quilts and other clothing, the property of Lai Ming-tak.

Sgt. Cochrane, prosecuting, said that defendant went up the building and into the office on the evening of Dec. 20. After taking the goods, he came down to the second floor by lift, but went up again by the fire escape, trying to avoid the watchman, which he subsequently succeeded in doing. The stolen articles were later recovered and led to the arrest of defendant.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

### UNMANIFESTED WOLFRAM ORE

Charged with unlawfully importing into the Colony on s.s. Gold Leaf 21 bags of wolfram ore on Dec. 27, Lo Ng, 30, unemployed, of No. 53 Battery Street, ground floor, and Liu Yin, 20, unemployed, of the same address, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday.

Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern prosecuted and Mr. D. McCallum appeared for both defendants.

It was stated that the boat in question, having arrived from Chinese territory, docked at the Lun Cheong Wharf, where its cargoes were discharged. Among them were 20 baskets which were manifested as dried vegetables. When opened and examined, 19 bags and two jackets containing the ore were found therein. Second defendant said that he was only employed to escort the ore from Sha-yu-chung. First defendant, who came the next day, claimed that the mineral was his. The ore, weighing about 600 lbs., was valued at \$1,200.

#### BEATING JAPS. TO IT

Mr. McCallum said that the merchandise was manifested as general cargo, because defendant thought that by doing so, they might be able to beat the Japanese or the pirates to it should one or the other happen to intercept the boat while en route.

Fines of \$50 on first defendant and \$20 on second defendant were imposed.

### H.K. DEFENCE RESERVE

The following have been enrolled in the Hongkong Defence Reserve:—

Combatant Group—H.D. Bruce, C.W. Whitting.

Key-Posts Group—R.S.T. Pigott, J.W. Stewart, E.T. Warden.

General Group for Essential Services—R. Anderson, B.E. Fielder, H.A. Hyndman, C.T. Tod, O.P. Vagnone, A.J. Savitsky.

#### REASSIGNMENTS

From Key-Posts Group to Combatant Group—D. Peoples.

From General Group for Essential Services to Combatant Group—C. Afouye.

From Combatant Group to General Group for Essential Services—C.O. Nicholson, C.E. Rathsam, E.T.S. Zimmern.

### URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Urban Council will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4.15 p.m.

Orders of the day include: Application for an eating house licence for No. 186, Queen's Road West, ground floor; Application for a restaurant licence in lieu of the existing eating house licence for No. 404, Castle Peak Road, ground floor; Application for a milk shop licence for the premises on Lot No. 2527, Boundary Street, ground floor.

#### Regular Returns

### NEXT CLIPPER DUE ON JAN. 5

Pan American Airways' Honolulu Clipper, bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 27, is now due to arrive in Hongkong on Sunday next, Jan. 5, and will leave on her return flight the next morning.

The following morning, the clipper is scheduled to leave on Jan. 1 and to leave the following morning.

### AT KOWLOON

#### YOUTH GAOLED

A 17-year-old youth, Li Man-fai, was charged before Mr. E. Hims-worth on Saturday with larceny of three jackets by trick and with illegally pawning them. Defendant was fined \$40 or six weeks' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman prosecuted.

#### STOLE FROM EXHIBITION

For stealing a roll of silk from the China Products Exhibition, Wan Shui, 35, was sentenced to five months' hard labour by Mr. Hims-worth on Saturday. Defendant was additionally charged with breach of deportation order.

It was said by the prosecution that defendant came out from the Exhibition about 8 p.m. on Dec. 27. A district watchman on seeing accused acting suspiciously, searched him and found the roll of silk under his long gown.

#### BURGLARY GAOLED

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Major A. N. Macfadyen on Saturday on Chau Kit for burglary and larceny on six occasions.

Accused broke into No. 20, Shanghai Street and stole there-in the property of all the occupants. He also committed burglary at No. 33, Parke Street on Dec. 18.

#### ALLEGED ROBBER REMANDED

Alleged to have robbed a spinster, Yip Han, of a finger ring, woollen scarf, \$5 in money, \$4 in silver coins, four keys and a whistle, Mak Chung alias Mak Pak-chung, 28, was charged before Major Macfadyen on Saturday.

Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw asked for a remand of three days which was granted.

#### BOUND OVER FOR ASSAULT

Convicted of assaulting Yuen Kam-sau at Shanghai Street, Wong Ng-tai, 23, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 and to pay \$5 compensation to the complainant by Mr. Hims-worth on Saturday.

It was stated that complainant was asked by accused if he cared to get an employment. Complainant was led to a lane by defendant who alleged that Yuen flirted with his sister-in-law and assaulted him.

Defendant knocked off two teeth from the complainant with his fist. Yuen was admitted to Kowloon Hospital where he had been detained for 11 days.

### D. O. SOUTH

#### RETURNED BANISHEE

When charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour, at the District Office, South, on Saturday, with returning from banishment on Dec. 28, Pun Muk pleaded that, after serving his term of imprisonment on Dec. 21, he was sent to Sha-yu-chung the following day. On arrival there he was handed over to the Chinese army. The army, after tying his hands, took him to Kwai Chung where, for two days he was fed and then banished to Sai Hang.

The Japanese aeroplanes then bombed the party and killed 37 persons. The remainder ran away to Sha-yu-chung. Accused then went to Tsun Wan to look for his brother who gave him a suit of clothes and 80 cents.

Defendant asked his Worship that he be sent to Macao as he wanted to see his mother and sister.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion, was passed on accused.

#### DESTITUTES EXPELLED

Six destitutes were ordered to be expelled by Mr. Balfour on Saturday on charges of being without visible means of support.

### POLICE REPORTS

Mr. H. L. Lockhart, of Bellair Road, reports that his car, No. 2937, was stolen between 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. on Friday from the Salisbury Road car park. (The car is valued at \$1,500.)

Mr. W. Ohai, residing at the Palace Hotel, has reported the theft of jewellery to the value of \$25 from his room.

Jewellery to the value of \$120 was reported stolen from No. 283 Prince Edward Road, the residence of Mr. L. D'Almeida, on Dec. 26.

Leung Wan-wo, of the A.C.C. (filling station), reports that \$300 in money was stolen from the station on Dec. 27.

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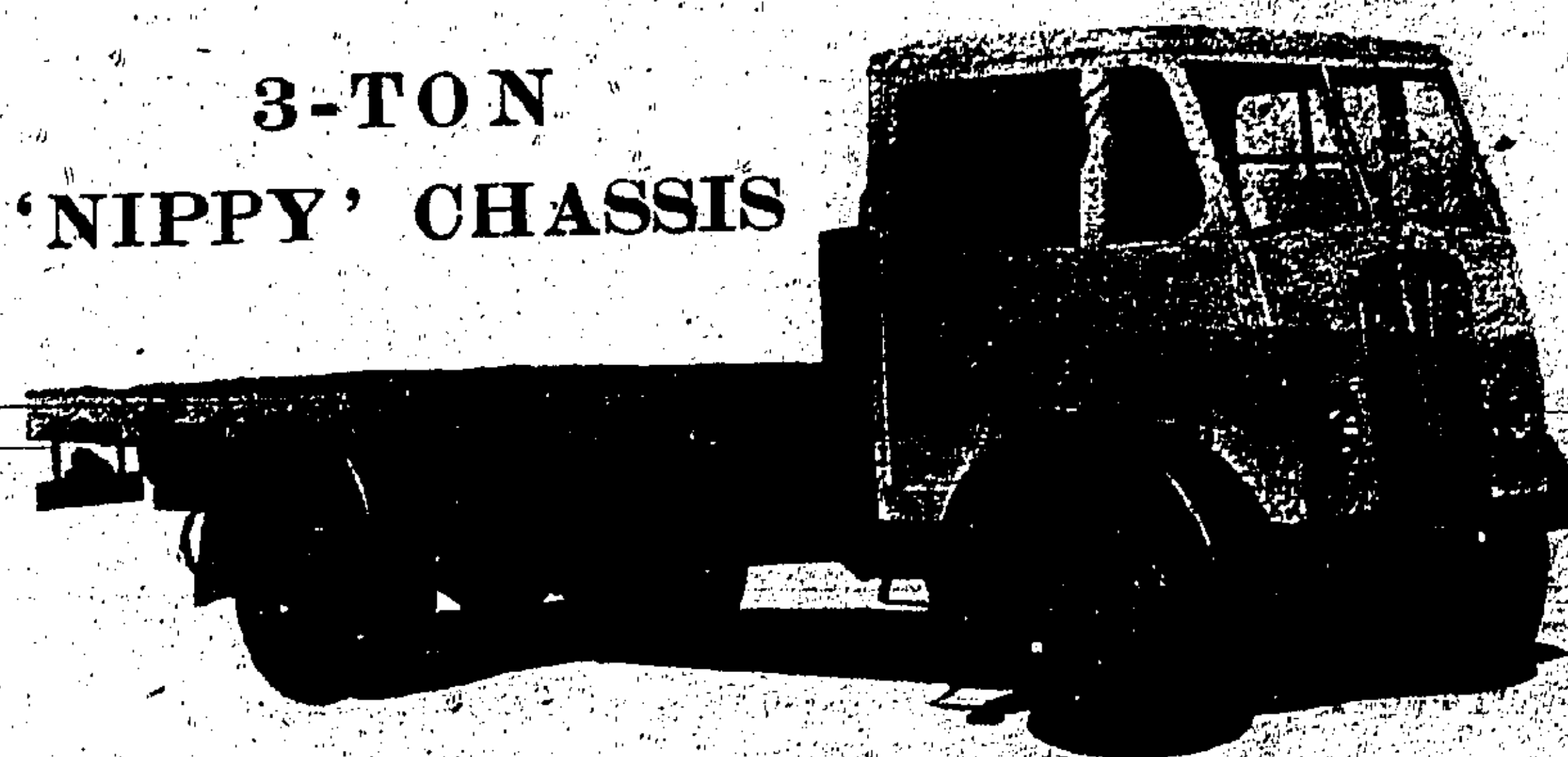
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive, registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.

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## NOTICE

## CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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instead of 30251 as hitherto.

The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

## COLLISION IN HARBOUR

A member of the crew was believed to have been drowned, while two others suffered from the effects of immersion when a sampan, carrying 14 passengers collided with the Yau-mat ferry launch Man Kong shortly after noon on Saturday near the Yau-mat Shelter.

According to a report made by Chan Kau, coxswain, the sampan crossed the bow of the launch despite warning. He tried to reverse, but failed to do so, and the launch crashed into the sampan, throwing all the occupants overboard.

Another ferry, Man Yee, rushed to the rescue and succeeded in saving five males, seven females and the owner of the sampan, while another man, Fung Chin was missing.

The two injured were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 85 and the minimum 58. Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.68 inches against an average of 85.11.

The Royal Observatory states:—The anticyclone remains stationary over China, Korea and South Japan, but has decreased slightly in intensity.

A depression appears to be forming over Mongolia.

Home-produced eggs will be a dozen cheaper.

This step was announced yesterday by the Ministry of Food.

The price of fresh eggs from Eire will be similarly reduced.

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## Exploiting Victory

EVER SINCE the war in Greece and the campaign against the Italians in North Africa began to take a definite turn in favour of Britain and her ally, military experts and others well versed in the tactics of modern warfare have been apparently confounded by revolutionary methods which the victorious armies have been adopting. The strategy of consolidating occupied positions before proceeding on to the next objective appears to have been completely over-ruled by the adoption of relentless pursuit of the enemy in both war theatres in the Mediterranean zone. In the Italo-Greek hostilities, the Greeks, having driven the Italian invaders from their soil, have continued to follow them across the Albanian frontier and well into Albanian territory, where, despite bad weather caused by snowfalls and winter blasts, the retreating Italians have been given no respite. This continual harrying of the enemy has met with a series of valuable successes and the Greek army, with the assistance they have been receiving from the British air force, can now be said to have gained the complete mastery of the situation as a result of tactics which have prevented the Italians from either attempting to reinforce their weakening resistance or from trying to consolidate their defence lines in order to resist the advancing Greeks.

IN THE NORTH AFRICAN campaign much the same strategy has been followed. After the capture of Sidi Barrani, military correspondents warned against expecting events to move quickly and declared that the pace would naturally have to be slowed down to enable the British forces to take stock of their position before continuing the offensive they had begun. Contrary to these forecasts, the Army of the Nile has lost no time in following up their initial attack with a success that has been truly amazing. Despite the fact that the Italians have a larger force in Libya than the British, their rout is still continuing and they have been driven from one line of their defence posts to another with a persistence and courage that has evoked admiration all over the world for its very daring and splendid organisation. The Italians are now being chased across Libyan soil and confusion prevails among their military leaders as to the means of stemming the British advance, in which the Royal Air Force and the British Navy have played such an important part. The effect of these tactics in Albania and the Western Desert on the morale of the entire Italian fighting forces can well be imagined and the value of this on future operations in these two

## Beggar Dies Sleeping In Coffin

## SHANGHAI'S COLD WEATHER TOLL

Characteristic of the plight of the poor in Shanghai under present war conditions is the death of an elderly Chinese beggar who was found dead in a coffin when he had retired for the night to escape the cold, according to the Shun Pao, reports the North China Daily News.

On the previous evening the man laid himself down to sleep in one of the many coffins owned by a charitable organization on Route de Ningpo. On Dec. 20 the coolies of the organization, who had come to remove the coffin, found the corpse of the beggar in it.

## HOMELESS THOUSANDS

Not a single day passes, since the arrival of the cold weather, without inflicting death, either through starvation or cold, upon the city's thousands of homeless beggars who have been forced to sleep out in the streets or in alleyways.

Fate, high cost of living and general unemployment seem to have conspired against these unfortunate people, many of whom probably were farmers once but who are now destitute, homeless and without friends or relatives, the paper said.

War has claimed a heavy toll on human lives in China, but many more are perishing through abnormal conditions in this big city of Shanghai.

## HENNESSY ROAD MISHAP

As private car No. 309 was being driven along Hennessy Road, in an east-to-west direction, at 11.55 p.m. last night, a Chinese woman ran across the road near Percival Street and was knocked down.

She was conveyed to the Police Station in the car, suffering from slight injuries.

theatres of war will prove most significant.

THIS NEW STRATEGY has been described as exploiting victory by pursuit. Its object is to bring about the complete defeat of the enemy so as to render him impotent in the progress of the war. As a well-known military correspondent pointed out in a broadcast recently, the risks attendant on these tactics are many—chief among them being the lengthening of lines of communication and the difficulties of keeping the transport of supplies in pace with the advancing troops. Only perfect planning and staff work can avoid the risks of exploiting victory in this manner; and both the Greeks and the British forces in North Africa appear to have accomplished this important part of their campaigns.

The motive behind these new tactics is to complete the campaigns so thoroughly that these theatres of war can be regarded as closed and the men and material used for them be made available to other zones where hostilities are being continued or where operations are likely to become necessary. This does not mean that the Greek and North African campaign can now be considered ended. It will probably take as much as six or seven months more to put finis to the operations now going on, but what it might do even before that time limit expires is to release units of the British Mediterranean Fleet and squadrons of the Royal Air Force for service at home and in the Far East, where the danger of conflict still exists. Regarded in this light, apart from the devastating success which has been achieved, exploiting victory by pursuit has proved of inestimable value to the future conduct of the war.



Mr. L. A. Elarte and his bride, formerly Miss Juno Bucks, photographed after their marriage at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday afternoon. (King's Studio).

## J. P. ROBBED

Mr. Li Sui-kui, J.P. manager of the Hon Lin Bank, was held up by two Chinese armed with a chopper outside his residence at No. 15, Robinson Road, and had a parcel, containing \$513, stolen on Saturday.

According to a Police report, Mr. Li was alighting from his car when a Chinese threatened him with a chopper, while another took away the parcel of money which Li had dropped on the ground. No arrest was made.

## NEWSETTES

Mr. W. Hyde, Clerk of Works, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., left the Colony on Friday for Manila.

Heavy gun firing practice will be carried out today between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Firing areas "C" and "D" will be affected. Alternative date, Jan. 2, 1941.

It was authoritatively learned that Government has rejected the proposal to grant a monopoly to one or other firm to act as authorised agents of the Immigration Department.

Mr. D.M. Biggar, Second Vice President of the Chase Bank and manager of the local branch, left the Colony on Saturday on board the s.s. President Coolidge. Mr. Biggar was also president of the local American Club.

Mrs. Emily Hahn will address the Hongkong Rotary Club to-morrow on "Some Impressions of Chungking."

The death occurred on December 19, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Henry Kragh, Norwegian Master-Mariner, aged 44 years. Funeral services were held on December 23, in the Rubbling Well Chapel.

The Shanghai Russian Jewish Community will pay only 40 per cent of their income tax to the Emigrants' Committee in Shanghai. The other 60 per cent will go to aid their organizations in this town. The Russian Emigrants Committee agreed to this request at a meeting held recently.

The death was announced in Shanghai on Dec. 20 of Father A. Weckbacher, S.J., at the age of 84. Father Weckbacher passed away on December 7. He came to China on November 14, 1898, and was attached to the Astronomical Observatory of Zow, where he did very precious photographic work. Later on he came back to Sze-yue and had to teach chemistry at the Sze-yue College and Seminary.

Among the number of awards which the King approved to R.A.F. members in recognition of their gallantry in flying operations against the enemy is included the Distinguished Flying Cross to Pilot Officer Richard Clare Whitaker, son of Major R. Whitaker and Mrs. Whitaker of 139 Ware Road, Hertford. Major Whitaker was an assistant secretary of the Shanghai Power Company from 1928 to 1934, when he resigned and returned to England. He is now the A.R.P. officer for Hertfordshire.

It is reported from Berlin that five important members of the Vichy Government were killed when the R.A.F. shot down a plane en route from Morocco to France.

## CHARMING WEDDING

## MR. L. A. ELARTE AND MISS J. BUCKS

A very charming wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday when Miss Juno Bucks became the bride of Mr. Leonardo Antonio Elarte.

The Rev. Fr. Teruzzi officiated. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bucks, and the bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. Bernabe Elarte and Mrs. Inez Andrade.

Miss Pauline Elarte, sister of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid, while the Misses Astrid and Olive Elms, the bride's nieces, were the flower-girls.

Mr. W. E. Cunningham, discharged the duties of best man.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the reception held at the Gloucester Hotel.

The happy couple left later for Repulse Bay where the honeymoon is being spent.

## PRAYA FIRE

The Tong Lin General Merchants, at No. 6, Connaught Road, ground floor, was completely burned out about 8.40 last evening.

The premises had a large stock of rice and matches which were not insured.

(The cause of fire was believed to be a cigarette end carelessly thrown.)

## MORE IMMIGRATION AGENCIES CLOSED

Any firm or person who should benefit by guaranteeing persons not known to them, by charging fees for their "chops," will be placed in the black-list of the Immigration Department, declared Mr. R.A.D. Forrest.

The Immigration Officer also indicated that guarantors, if they failed to appear on request would also be black-listed.

Recently five agencies have been closed owing to malpractice and three firms have been placed on the black-list by the Department.

Mr. Forrest declared that no less than 50 applications for agencies had been rejected and that he was keeping a close watch on the existing agencies.

## CASHIER GAOLED FOR \$87,658 FRAUD

Ong See Keng, till recently the chief cashier in the shipping department of Boustead & Co., was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Fiddow at the Singapore Assize Court on three charges of falsification of accounts, involving misappropriations amounting to \$87,658.83. The accused pleaded guilty to all the charges.

The first charge related to making a false entry in respect of \$69,637.61; the second charge was in respect of omitting an entry in respect of receipt of a sum of \$13,057.03; while the third charge was in respect of falsifying a rough cash book by making an entry of the receipt by Boustead & Co. of \$56,990.88 from Tan Guan Tee which sum was not received. The offences were alleged to have taken place between June and July this year.

Mr. E. N. Griffith-Jones, Crown Counsel, said that the charges arose out of the admission of the accused who surrendered himself to the police on July 5. The accused told the Inspector at the Police Station that he was cashier and had misappropriated a sum of \$80,000 and had come to surrender himself.

The charges were in respect of false entries amounting in all to \$130,000 to \$140,000, but on an audit the amount found missing was \$87,658.83. For this amount judgment had been obtained by Boustead & Co. against the accused.

The accused had been employed with Boustead & Co. since 1925 and was appointed to the position of chief cashier in 1937. He was in receipt of a salary of \$145 with a war allowance of five dollars.

Mr. A. J. Braga, for the accused, said that as chief cashier, the accused handled about \$200,000 every month. Since his surrender to the police, the accused had made every endeavour to assist the police and the auditors in getting a correct statement of affairs.

## AMERICAN ADMIRAL URGES U.S. TO MOVE INTO ISLE OF MARTINIQUE EVEN IF IT MEANS COMBAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The situation involving the Vichy-controlled island of Martinique in the West Indies is one which the United States cannot afford to ignore. If left alone, it will grow steadily worse, writes Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., in the Manila Bulletin.

In Martinique are the aircraft carrier Bearn, 100 American-built war-planes, and several French cruisers. We know that the French naval forces there are loyal to the Vichy government.

We know only too well that the army and navy leaders in that area, probably outlining a plan whereby the Martinique situation will be cleared up. As commander in chief of the army and navy, he is well within his rights to act in whatever manner he sees fit for the best interests of the defense of the United States.

FIFTH COLUMN There is undoubtedly a large fifth column of Germans in those islands. German pilots conceivably could be smuggled into Martinique to man those American-built planes, which, used as dive-bombers, could commit great havoc upon the Panama Canal.

Three fast tankers are said to have been in Martinique recently. These probably were German. Martinique is an ideal base for German submarines. They may be, even now, on their way to operate from there and might carry plane pilots from Germany.

RIGHT NOW The time for the United States to act is immediately—right now. If the American navy should demand surrender of the French ships we must expect the French to fight. The fight might be only to the extent of saving the Frenchmen's honor. We have enough warships and airplanes, together with our marines, to take the islands.

We might find that, after a face-saving fight to ensure the safety of relatives in France from reprisals by Germany, the French would surrender their vessels to be interned in U.S. ports.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS Social conditions on Martinique, incidentally, are said to be in a bad fix. A little hunger might precipitate a revolt. Then America would have an unquestionable reason to intervene. We could not countenance a revolution there at a critical time like this. And, too, the French ships might attempt to escape in event of a revolution. Our navy certainly should not allow that to happen.

One possible course of action would be the imposition of an "attachment" on the islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, covering the warships, planes, and \$200,000,000 in gold there, as surety for the French debt to the United States. That debt was considered more or less safe before France fell to Germany, but now it is lost unless we take action to preserve it.

The "attachment" proceeding could not be settled in any court. It would have to be honored through physical action by U.S. armed strength.

We should not allow either the planes or the gold to be taken away for war materials that would benefit not France but Germany.

DEFINITE PLAN We must prepare a definite plan for Martinique, even if it means combat. As a peaceful nation we are inclined to temporize, but we must face the facts as they really are.

President Roosevelt has completed his defense inspection trip, during which he consulted with

ALREADY COMMITTED The idea of our buying British islands in the western hemisphere in case, Britain's money resources are drained, and the question of whether we are to continue help to Great Britain seem, to me, far-fetched.

Are we not already committed, lock, stock and barrel, to co-operation with Britain and the defeat of Hitler? If so, then everything we have should go into the pot.

With the bases already leased to us by Britain finally fortified and in operation, the United States will have plenty of defense points, without taking on new ones. And if Britain wins the war, most likely the United States and her great fleet will be conceded the right to make this hemisphere safe.

NOT TIMELY It does not seem timely or appropriate for us to demand British colonies to insure being paid for helping ourselves.

If Britain should go down in defeat, furthermore, surely her colonies, like Canada, would join with the United States in fighting the war to a finish on this side of the Atlantic.

But if we are to be so mercenary as to object to saving our own hides unless the money is on the barrelhead we could do this—place an estimate on the monetary value of all British colonies in this hemisphere, and whatever the total comes to make a memorandum that Britain is good for that many million, or billion, dollars.

## Millionaire Enters Gaol For Usury

HOLLO CITY, Dec. 22.—Charles Newton Hodges, American millionaire and oldtimer in Holló City, entered jail, recently after the reading of the decision of the supreme court convicting him of usury.

Aside from serving one year, Hodges was also ordered to repay Lope Severino, the complainant, \$1,837 and a fine of \$500. This confirmed the decision of the Holló court of first instance.

OLD CASE This was an old case with Hodges exhausting all available legal remedies to reverse the decision of the Holló court of first instance. His petition for one-month grace to wind up his personal affairs was denied by the court. Judge Pio Fajardo of the Holló court of first instance, declared that he lacked the jurisdiction to consider the petition.

Hodges' pawnshop was closed. He was reported to have stated that after serving his term he would devote his time to real estate business in which he has had considerable success.

SECOND TIME This is the second time that Hodges enters prison, the first being in the time of former Governor General Leonard Wood when he was convicted for the same offense—usury. Before he completed his sentence he was pardoned by Governor Wood.

Hodges will be in the same jail with Carson Barney French, who shot his half-brother Jimmy French, foreman of the convicted American millionaire, in his hacienda in Pinal. Hodges worked for the prosecution and the conviction of Carson.

Hodges arrived with the American expeditionary forces in the early days of occupation. After securing his discharge from the army, he settled in Holló where he became one of its richest residents.

Before parting from his wife, he was heard as saying, "Some high government officials framed me but God will be merciful."



## GERMANS PRESSING VICHY GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE TERMS

"We do not know what the result of the struggle going on in Vichy will be, but what we do know is that the Germans are pressing the Vichy Government in order to make them change the terms of the armistice and that Marshal Petain is resisting more and more," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, news commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

## GEN. DE GAULLE'S STIRRING APPEAL

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—While mystery still surrounds the Vichy Government's negotiations with Germany General de Gaulle, in a broadcast last night, made a strong appeal to the French leaders to redraw the sword.

"There is nothing to do but fight," he declared.

Announcing that 1,000 Free French soldiers and airmen had died for France since the Armistice was signed, he said: "If our Africa, our Syria and our Fleet were fighting for France now, the great battle of the Mediterranean would end at once in a giant French victory."

"We proclaim that wherever Frenchmen, ranks and opinions, will resume the struggle for France we shall be with them without delay and without conditions."

"We proclaim that all French leaders, whatever may have been their mistakes, who will draw once more the sword which they sheathed, will find us by their side excluding no one and with no thought of ambition."

Appealing to all French people to observe the "hour of hope" on Jan. 1 by remaining indoors for one sanctified hour, thus emptying the streets of towns and villages everywhere, Gen. de Gaulle said: "By this huge plebiscite of silence France will show the whole world that she sees the future only in freedom and greatness, only in independence and salvation, and only in victory."

## WHAT GERMAN RADIO HAS DISCOVERED!

The German radio has discovered that Britain is at her last gasp, states a London message.

The Deutsche Zender points out that the Government has appointed Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, to the post of Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport, as a desperate experiment to protect British shipping from German attacks and that this confirms the fact England is powerless against the increasing German war effort.

Unfortunately for the German propagandists, it is Vice-Admiral John Cunningham that has been appointed to this post. Sir Andrew is still chasing the remnants of the Italian Fleet in the Mediterranean.

## NAURU IS REPORT UNCONFIRMED IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The spokesman of the Navy Office said that he had received no confirmation of the Australian report that the enemy raider allegedly flew the Japanese flag and sailed under a Japanese name when it heavily shelled Nauru Island.

## BRITISH HUNT FOR COMMERCE RAIDERS

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Britain is making strenuous efforts to catch the German raiders in the South Pacific.

This is the conclusion drawn from an announcement by United States Navy headquarters in New York yesterday that all ships bound for Fiji ports must first call at Suva for orders, from Jan. 1.

Shipping circles in New York consider that control of all vessels there would make it difficult for raiders to provision at small island ports.

It is believed the British and Dutch navies have mined certain areas in an attempt to trap the raiders.

## Bardia Fall Accepted As Inevitable

### FIGHTING IN ABYSSINIA

The fall of Bardia, the important Italian post in the Western Desert, which is now surrounded by British troops seems to be accepted as inevitable by the Fascist authorities, states a London message.

Signor Ansaldi, writing in the Telegrafo, says that Bardia is in no sense a bastion which Italian enthusiasm claimed it to be some days ago. He says that Italian soldiers are holding it because they are irritated by the British boasting after the capture of Sidi Barrani.

From a bastion, Signor Ansaldi reduces Bardia to a mere prop-and-stay. Meanwhile the counting of Italian prisoners goes on. Out of a total of 38,000 barely 25,000 are Italians.

The Italians have also hinted indirectly that fighting is going on between Italian troops and insurgents in Abyssinia.

### GREAT DELIGHT

A British official who has just returned from a tour of southern Arabia, states that the victory of the British troops in the Western Desert has caused a great delight among the coastal Arabs, who have learned to hate Mussolini and the Fascists. "Wherever I went," he said "I heard prayers for a British victory."

A message from Cairo says that while preparations for a final assault on Bardia are being made, British mechanised units are clearing enemy concentrations east and south of the port with the object of preventing reinforcements to the beleaguered garrison and to insure that none there will escape.

It is believed that the defenders are short of water supply, but are merely resisting despite the apparent hopelessness of the position.

### GARRISON WEAKENING

The latest reports from Cairo state that the Italian garrison at Bardia is weakening under the continued shelling by British artillery and that this bombardment has met with little response from the Italians.

and that the whole of the resources of the United States will be mobilised to this end."

## HOW R.A.F. FIGHTS WEATHER, ENEMY

ATHENS, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Spiriting towards 10,000 feet high mountain peaks with their plane out of control through ice, an R.A.F. crew, returning from a raid over Albania, decided to jump.

Then they found that the observer's parachute pack had been thrown out of reach by the motion of the machine. Both the pilot and the machine-gunner made the same decision—they would "stay put."

## GERMAN RAIDING BASES BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The main targets of the R. A. F. bombers on Friday night as in yesterday's daylight raid, it is now made clear, were the bases in occupied France from which German attacks shipping in the Atlantic by air and sea.

Like the U-boat station at Lorient, the Fockewulf heavy bomber station at Merignac Aerodrome near Bordeaux had its second visit within 24 hours.

Last night it was raided by a larger force of bombers than on Friday night and these two successive attacks followed the severe raid of about a month ago when much damage was done to the aerodrome and bombers assembled there on which it was certain the enemy have been working to restore.

The raid involved a night of 1,200 miles there and back, in weather far from favourable. Despite heavy clouds the pilots located their objective and gave the southern bangor a bad shaking up.

A special commissariat has been set up in Italian East Africa to control the distribution of food, raw materials and supplies of all kinds to the Army and civil population, states a Rome dispatch to the German News Agency, according to Reuter.

For some seconds the seemingly doomed plane swooped blindly through the clouds. At 7,000 feet the machine shot out of the cloud layer, and the R.A.F. men found they were in a narrow valley between the mountain peaks.

The pilot righted the aircraft as best he could and landed in a tiny field that formed the only landing ground for miles.

This story—showing how the R.A.F. fights the weather as well as the enemy in operations out here—was related by a Canadian Flight Commander.

All those with experience of bad weather flying are amazed that R.A.F. units in Greece have not only continued but increased the number of bombing raids by fighter patrols and reconnaissance flights in the past few weeks.

### SMALL LOSSES

Equally remarkable are the small losses of British aircraft. Only four fighters have been lost—one pilot escaped by parachute—and bomber losses have been eight.

Against these figures the Italians had at least 50 aircraft definitely destroyed in Greece and Albania by the R.A.F. as well as 16 "probables" and many other unconfirmed losses.

Considerably more than 70 raids over enemy lines have been carried out since the arrival of the R.A.F.

## NEW NAZI "ULTIMATUM" TO VICHY ALLEGED

### ARMED CO-OPERATION UNLIKELY

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Yesterday's newspapers speculated on the possible outcome of alleged German demands of an "ultimatum" to the Vichy Government.

Some assert that Marshal Petain flatly refused the demands and he and his Government are prepared to move to North Africa if the Germans attempt to occupy the remainder of France, or insist that the French fleet be handed over to the Axis.

Hitherto there is no confirmation of these reports but most commentators agree that Marshal Petain will consent to economic cooperation with Germany but is unlikely to go further along the road of military collaboration.

Meanwhile, according to well-informed circles in Vichy, when Admiral Darlan went to Paris this week he took a message for Hitler from Marshal Petain concerning Franco-German cooperation.

### PROPOSALS DIVULGED

This is according to the Vichy correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung, who adds that the nature of the proposals has not been divulged.

The correspondent states Marshal Petain is considering the formation of an inner cabinet consisting of Pierre-Étienne Flandin, Admiral Darlan and General Huntzinger.

### NAZI METHOD

The German method of dealing with Vichy appears to alternate between blandishments and threats and at present it would appear they are resorting more to threats than to flattery, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

There is no official confirmation here, however, that Germany had recently made any specific demand and what Germany hopes to gain by these threats is a matter for speculation.

It may be the Nazi leaders are disappointed that the French have recently shown no very great disposition to make further concessions or yield to requests or demands to which they feel Germany is not entitled under the armistice terms.

### FOODSTUFF SHORTAGE

It is pointed out here that German propaganda recently has taken a new line having at least merit for originality, namely, that the shortage of foodstuff supplies in France is due to a deliberate manoeuvre by the Vichy Government.

Germany has claimed that her own army in occupied France relies almost entirely on supplies from the Reich. It is known this is entirely opposed to the facts.

The Germans are undoubtedly exploiting France most thoroughly, not only "harging" the Vichy Government hundreds of millions sterling for the cost of the German army of occupation but also taking away to Germany enormous quantities of food supplies and other commodities which the French badly need.

## GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

### Reports Discounted In London

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—There is as yet no confirmation of reports of German troops in one direction or another, and extreme doubt is attached to them, here.

Rumours of large troop movements in the direction of Rumania seem to have been started by the curtailing of railway traffic in Hungary—a curtailment which could have been caused by quite different causes.

There have been a considerable number of German troops in Rumania, but these do not seem to have been reinforced very much and it may well be that the numbers already there have been exaggerated.

Semi-official circles in London say that reports of German troop movements either in Rumania or through the Brenner Pass into Italy seem likely to prove part of the usual spreading of rumours by the Axis powers when there is nothing clear-cut about their next move.

The rumours may have been intended to give the impression that the Axis have turned their eyes away from Britain in order to make that country less alert.

## NEW ISSUE OF WAR SAVINGS BONDS

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—A new issue of war savings bonds, designed to meet the desire of those who have wanted to subscribe to a longer period loan, was announced by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a special broadcast on Friday night.

"Six months ago I came here to tell you that a new war loan was about to be launched," he said. "Recalling the great success during the last war of the plan of borrowing from day to day by national war bonds, I placed on sale 2½ per cent. National War Bonds, 1945-1947."

"In the 26 weeks which have now passed, I am glad to tell you we have raised in this manner no less than £429,000,000—a fine achievement."

### TWO TYPES

"I propose, therefore, to have on offer from day to day two types of security in which you can invest. I believe that one or the other of these will appeal to every type of investor."

"The sales of the present issue of 2½ per cent. national war bonds, 1945-1947, will cease on December 31."

"In their place, 2½ per cent. national war bonds, 1946-1948, will be available from January 2 until further notice. They will be issued at par and be repayable at par on August 15, 1948, or, if the Government give notice, on or after August 15, 1948."

"Side by side, there will be on sale from January 2 a new security called 3 per cent. savings bonds, 1955-1965. These also will be at par and will be repaid at par on August 15, 1965, or, if the Government give notice, on or after August 15, 1965."

### MEDIUM-TERM

"These securities will certainly appeal to everyone looking for a medium-term investment."

Sir Kingsley said that they would be issued at the Bank of England and West Scotland, in multiples of £50, with a minimum restriction of £100. Issues of both types for the smaller investor will be through the post office and trustees' savings banks, to which £25 or any multiple of £5 can be subscribed. These will be available to those who want, not more than £1,000 of each.

At the same time, there is still the long list of other securities available, meeting every need.

Several mysterious fires are reported to have broken out in Norway over the Christmas holidays. There is "no explanation."

## MR. LEONARD INGRAMS SAYS

## THE GERMANS WORKED TO TIME-TABLE THAT HAS NOW BEEN UPSET

"This total war means that the whole effort of the German population is engaged against us and we know too that we have to face them equally with the whole effort of our resources," said MR. LEONARD INGRAMS, well-known B.B.C. commentator, when he spoke in London yesterday.

Mr. Ingrams opened his talk by relating how the Nazi Party year after year celebrates what is known as Party Day, when the German people assemble to be paraded, saluted and cheered and to listen to their leaders address them.

### NAZI DREAMS

Mr. Ingrams compared this celebration to the work of a hypnotist who puts his patients into a trance and gives them instructions which they carry out without using their reason or knowing what they are doing.

The result that a man walked about like a sleepwalker, with his eyes wide open and yet not seeing the realities of the landscape about him. He only saw the landscape of his dreams, dreams in which he walks along a path to where the German nation was supposed to rule the world.

In reality the path was narrower and the believing people of Germany who followed it were being led to a great precipitous cliff.

### PARTY DAYS

Mr. Ingrams went on to say how each year this Party Day had a special significance to the Germans. In 1934 it was the Party Day of Triumph, in 1935 it was the Party Day of Honour, in 1936 it was the Party Day of Work, in 1937 it was the Party Day of Victory, in 1938 it was the Party Day of the Party itself.

In 1939 it was given out that it would be the Party Day of Peace, but it had to be called off because Herr Hitler was invading Poland when it was to have taken place. He had then not only met one opponent, but Britain and France had carried out their pledge, to fight Poland's cause.

"The Nazis gave out this year that the Party Day would be the Party Day of Victory," went on Mr. Ingrams. "But, for one reason or another, that one had to be put off too. And now the waiting world is wondering what Herr Hitler will put forward for the 1941 Party Day."

"Seeing that his dreams of the last two years have not come true, is it possible that he will wake up and see the reality of his situation and the dangerous direction of the path he is treading?"

### TIME-TABLE UPSET

Mr. Ingrams declared that from what had happened during this year it was obvious that the timetable of the German war machine had been upset.

"This time-table of the German war machine means that the whole population of Germany, men and women, were working to schedule to carry out a plan, which if it failed would fall for good and all."

## ITALIAN CR42 DOWNED IN FLAMES

### Military Stores In Assab Bombed

CAIRO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Fighter aircraft of a South African squadron intercepted two Italian aircraft of the CR42 type near Gedaref and shot one down in flames, it was stated yesterday.

A Rhodesian squadron bombed and machine-gunned Italian positions in the neighbourhood of Kassala.

Bombs fell in the target area but the full extent of damage and casualties is not known. Recording these facts the communiqué also says: "Our bombers raided Assab, bombs straddling military stores and large transport yards."

There was little activity in the Western Desert on Friday. Reconnaissance flights were made and our fighters maintained active offensive patrols without engaging any Italian aircraft.

## EASTERN CULTURAL ASSCN.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—An inaugural meeting of the Eastern Cultural Association is being held in Chungking today.

Among the moving spirits of the association is Mr. Tu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan and veteran leader of the Kuomintang.

The aim of the Association will be to foster closer cultural relations among eastern peoples through the exchange of publications and visits of cultural delegations.

In a leader on the subject, the influential Chinese daily TA-KUNGPAO declares that the name "Eastern Cultural Association" has been misused by the Japanese adding that while the Japanese organisation has existed for the purpose of facilitating Japan's aggression in East Asia, the new organisation formed in Chungking will exist for the purpose of upholding the independence and freedom of eastern peoples.

## CHINA'S DONATION APPRECIATED

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial on Dec. 27, said: "With the devastation and distress on our doorsteps our thoughts should go out more than ever to the war-racked populations of remote lands like China and Spain who were the first to endure the terrors of the new warfare."

"There was fine pathos about the gesture now reported from China, of the collection of money for our raid distress by the Sino-British Cultural Association whose President has just handed to the British Ambassador nearly £2,000 as a contribution towards the relief of suffering in the United Kingdom caused by German air raids."

"China is one with us through suffering and we shall not forget."

## Concentrated Attack On Lorient Base

The German submarine base at LORIENT was the main objective of British bombers on Saturday night, states a London message.

Behind this brief announcement there is a story of one of the most concentrated and persistent attacks made by British bombers on a single target.

Only on Saturday night it was reported that for three days and nights, British bombers had been showering high explosives and incendiary bombs on this vital base from which the German submarines are sent to attack British shipping.

Considerable damage was done to harbour works, field depots and building yards.

"Other targets on the coast of enemy occupied France and the lower countries were also attacked, these including oil depots in ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM and BOULOGNE. Two British planes are missing."

In the last two days the R.A.F. have rained their attacks on the enemy coast from the Norwegian fjords to the Bay of Biscay. Three

and ships destroyed.



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1 bale Straw Board Paper  
1 bale Rubber  
101 Old Rubber Tyres  
1 Bag Copra  
1 Lot Mastic Asphalt (approx. 8 tons)

and

7 pieces Linoleum

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## FATSHAN TO SAIL TOMORROW

The S.S. Fatshan will leave for Canton in a single trip on New Year's Eve at 7 a.m.

According to the agents, "the ship is to make only one trip at present, nothing having been arranged for the future."

In accordance to the revised restrictions, the vessel will be allowed to carry only 300 passengers, including the crew, and will remain in quarantine for 24 hours in Canton.

Reservations can only be made at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for saloon class only, tickets for other classes can be obtained at the Nam Tai Co. at Des Voeux Road, Central.

The fares are as follows:  
Saloon Class ..... \$24.00  
Intermediate Class ..... \$12.00  
Second Class ..... \$10.00  
Third Class ..... \$ 4.00

## DISCONTENT RISING IN JAPAN

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Moscow newspaper "Trud" yesterday reported that the Japanese population are becoming more discontented daily and there is growing opposition to the present regime.

Economic and food conditions in Japan, says the paper, are becoming more serious.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## MOHAWK TRIBE DEFEAT SAINTS 10-3

THE MOHAWK TRIBE toppled the SAINTS from the top of the Softball League ladder when they handed them a 10-3 trouncing in the main drawing card of the day at the Kowloon F.C. yesterday.

A record crowd turned out to see the match in the expectation of witnessing a close game.

## HOME RUGGER RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The following are the results of Rugby matches played yesterday:

## RUGBY LEAGUE

Bradford 16, Wakefield 8.  
Bramley 9, Featherstone 0.  
Castleford 25, Keighley 11.  
Dewsbury 5, Leeds 5.  
Halifax 35, York 14.  
Hull 24, Huddersfield 8.  
Hunslet 25, Batley 7.  
Warrington 19, Oldham 2.

## RUGBY UNION

Guy's Hos. 3, N. Z. Army 33.  
Cardiff 11, R.A.F. XV 6.  
Gloucester 33, Army XV 8.  
Northampton 5, St. Bart's Hos. 5.  
Bath 8, Army XV 0.

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

Appointments  
Gnr. A. H. Bakar, 3rd Bty. to be L/Bdr. 27.12.40; Gnr. Y. K. Pun, 3rd Bty. to be L/Bdr. 27.12.40.

## Transfers

2/Lt. G. A. L. Plummer, 5th A.A. Bty. to Res. of Offr. 10.12.40; Pte. W. C. Howard, No. 2 Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty. 1.1.41.

## Leave

L/Cpl. P. A. Broadbridge, No. 3 Coy. 1.9.39-31.12.40; 2/Lt. G. A. L. Plummer, 5th A.A. Bty. 11.12.40-10.12.41; Spr. B. Boharoff, Pd. Coy. Engs. 16.12.40-15.1.41; Gnr. B. L. Stock, 5th A.A. Bty. 17.12.40-17.2.41; L/Cpl. W. J. Brown, A.S.C. Coy. 12.12.40-22.1.41; Pte. G. T. Lowry, No. 1 Coy. 24.12.40-25.12.40; Pte. J. M. Hood, A.S.C. Coy. 24.12.40-27.12.40; A/Sgt. G. A. R. Wright-Nooch, No. 4 Coy. 1.1.41-31.1.41; A/Cpl. V. G. Stott, No. 7 Coy. 4.1.41-3.4.41.

## Strength-Decrease

Pte. W. J. Gutteridge, No. 3 Coy. 3.5.40; Pte. Lam Tak-Awan, No. 4 Coy. 31.5.40; Pte. R. N. Lindeman, No. 1 Coy. 29.8.40; Bnd. F. A. Olsen, 5th A.A. Bty. 23.9.40; Pte. E. A. Lyeon, No. 3 Coy. 3.10.40; Pte. J. R. Ozerio, No. 6 Coy. 21.11.40; Pte. Chan Jun-kung, No. 4 Coy. 22.11.40; Pte. G. Chew, No. 3 Coy. 25.11.40; Gnr. F. From, 4th Bty. 26.11.40; Pte. R. K. Vohra, Pd. Amb. 2.12.40; Pte. Ng Pak-chee, Pd. Amb. 30.11.40; Pte. L. G. E. Ramage, Mob. Col. 8.12.40; Pte. Francis Wong, Pd. Amb. 27.12.40.

## Strength-Increase

Spr. A. P. Bailey, Pd. Coy. Engs. 19.12.40; Pte. C. T. F. McDonald, Stanley Platoon, 19.12.40.

E. N. THURSDAY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Dec. 29.  
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.30 ins.

Temperature, 60 F.  
Humidity, 68 per cent.  
Wind Direction, NNE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.  
Temperature, maximum yesterday, 70 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 58 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs ending today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.89 ins.

Against an average of, 85.11 ins.  
Sunset tonight, 5.48 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.02 a.m.  
1 p.m., Dec. 29.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.20 ins.  
Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 62 per cent.  
Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.  
Maximum temperature, 65 F.

Minimum temperature, 58 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 30 Dec. 1940 to 5 Jan. 1941.

High Water. Low Water.

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## K.C.C. ONLY WINNING TEAM

## Saturday's Cricket Matches

A full programme of matches was played on Saturday in both Senior and Junior Division Cricket. Kowloon Cricket Club scored the only win in the Senior of the afternoon with a notable defeat of the Indian Recreation Club by eight wickets.

Bowling in the senior matches was on the poor side, and H. Owen-Hughes carried his bat for 103 runs against Army at Chater Road, hitting 17 boundaries.

Batsmen had the day also in the junior matches, though there were one or two good bowling performances. In the match between Diocesan Boys School and Civil Service C.C. Juniors at the Valley, J. Macauley took eight wickets for 29 runs and G. Stone (7 for 49).

ARMY DRAW WITH H.K.C.C. At Chater Road, Army drew with Hongkong Cricket Club, H.K.C.C. 202 for 3 wks. dec. (L. T. Ride 26, H. Owen-Hughes 103 not out, T.G. C. Knight 51), Army 176 for 8 wks. (T. A. Pearce 54, Sgt. Webb 26, Capt. Skipwith 26).

I.R.C. DEFEATED At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Indian Recreation Club by eight wickets. I.R.C. 139 for 7 wks. dec. (A. H. Madar 66, A. R. Minu 31, F. R. Zimmern 3 for 51), K.C.C. 154 for 2 wks. (D.J.N. Anderson 79, D. Hung 45).

H.K.U.-C.C.C. DRAW At the Valley, University drew with Craigengower Cricket Club. Craigengower 178 for 5 wks. dec. (A. J. Hulse 77 not out, A. B. Hamson 33 not out), University 149 for 4 wks. (K. Y. Tam 37, C. N. Matthews 62, N. C. Sen Gupta 28 not out, A. K. Ismail 3 for 42).

ANOTHER DRAWN GAME At King's Park, Civil Service Cricket Club drew with Club de Recreio. Recreio 183 (J. M. Gosano 34, A. M. Prata 27, A. E. Perty 3 for 54, Baker 4 for 46), Civil Service 128 for 6 wks. (J. E. Richardson 55 not out, F. Baker 48, E. L. Gosano 3 for 33).

K.C.C.-I.R.C. DRAW At Soekunpoo, K.C.C. juniors drew with I.R.C. juniors. I.R.C. 2nd XI 166 for 7 wks. dec. (A. E. Sufiad 56 not out, F. Goodwin 3 for 46, J. R. Luka 3 for 59), K.C.C. 2nd XI 139 for 8 wks. (K. M. Baxter 30, F. Goodwin 53 not out, M. R. Abbas 5 for 42).

R.A.F. DRAW WITH R.A.P.S. At Central, British School, Royal Air Force drew with Royal Army Pay Corps. R.A.F. 136 for 9 wks. dec. (T. Stimson 69, Bailey 3 for 30, Ingleby 4 for 38), R.A.P.C. 71 for 8 wks. (Bailey 48 not out, E. Hawkins 6 for 14).

H.K.U. DEFEATED At Pokfulam, Craigengower juniors beat University juniors by 44 runs. C.C.C. 2nd XI 161 for 7 wks. dec. (C. W. Lam 69 not out, S. Leonard 27, N. Singh 4 for 82), University 2nd XI 107 (U.H. Esmail 4 for 45, C. W. Lam 6 for 24).

MACAULEY'S 8 FOR 20 At the Valley, Diocesan Boys School drew with Civil Service C.C. Juniors. C.C.C. 2nd XI 98 (J. Barrow 33, G. Stone 32, J. Macauley 8 for 29), D.B.S. 78 for 9 wks. (L. Jernakoff 39 not out, G. Stone 7 for 49).

POLICE BEATEN At Happy Valley, Club de Recreio juniors beat Police Recreation Club by 125 runs. Recreio 2nd XI 165 for 7 wks. (P.M.N. da Silva 52, H. A. Barres 56, C. Pope 3 for 52, H. Danbrowsky 4 for 49), Police R.C. 41 (P.M.N. da Silva 3 for 25, E.A.R. Alves 3 for 11).

## LT. BRADMAN BOWLS FIRST BALL

ADELAIDE, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Lt. Don Bradman, who left from the Army, bowled the first ball when playing for South Australia against Victoria yesterday.

South Australia scored 191 and 421 and Victoria 172 and 295, South Australia winning by 175 runs.

## SALARY INCREASE

The Portuguese Government has approved the granting of an increase in salary on account of the high cost of living to members of the Macao Police Force, states a report from Macao.

## HEALTH RETURNS

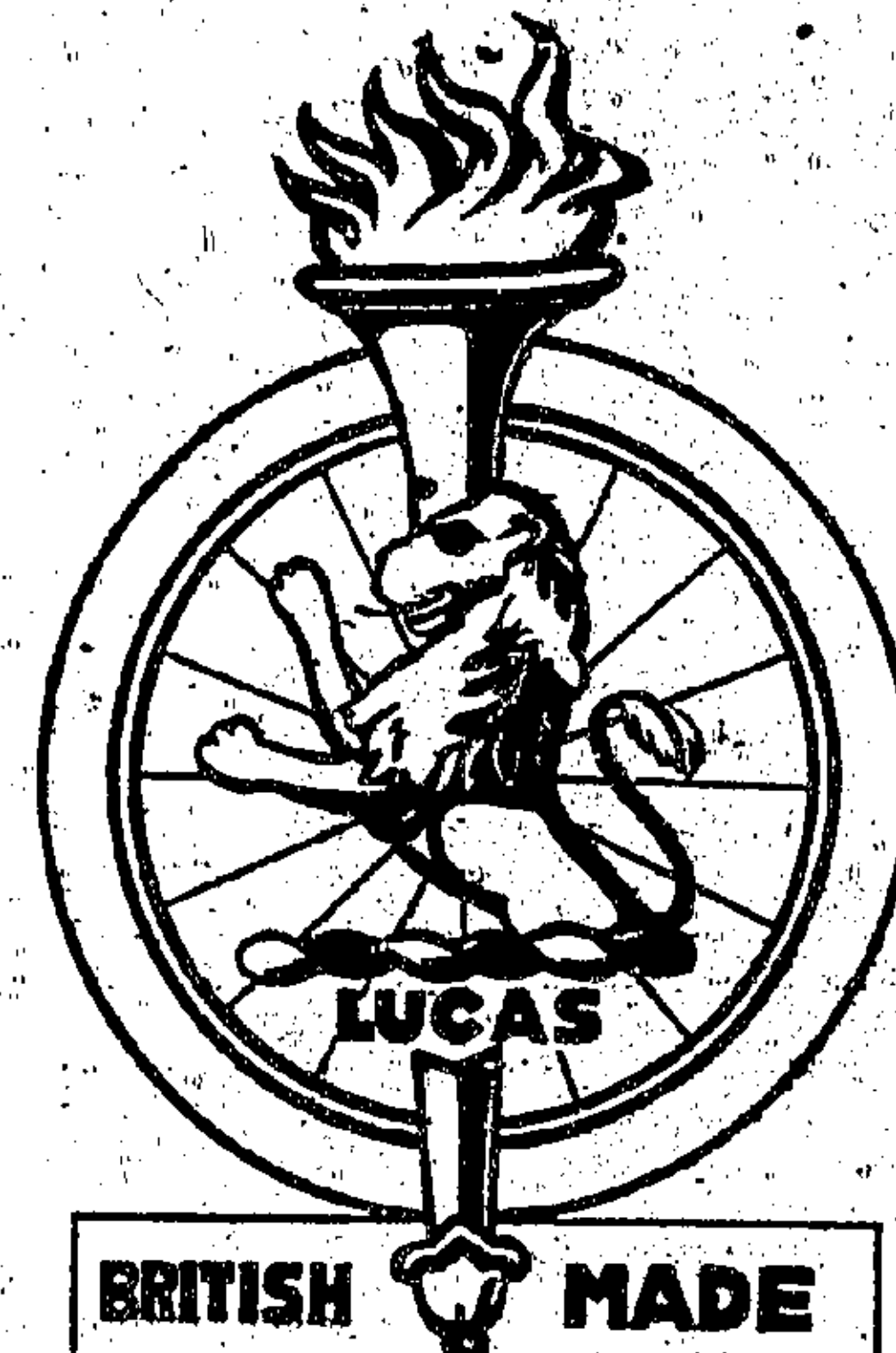
The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 27:—Cholera, one case; Dysentery, two cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, three cases; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 52 cases.

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On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 415	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
and demand 1/2 7/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/10	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 7/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 3/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 7/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 119	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate, Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/8	

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

December 29.  
Silver prices dropped 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations were 23 1/8 for Ready and 23 1/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported a quiet market. Business was slack. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402-1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

## MARKET

## STERLING

There were sellers at 1/231/32 December-April, buyers at 1/3 January.

## U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 11/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 12/16 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 426 1/2 and at the close there were sellers at 421, buyers at 422.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Was a shade steadier. Sterling opened with sellers at 3 1/2 and closed with sellers at 3 1/2 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 17/32 for Cash and closed with sellers at 5 9/16 for Cash.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 28 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates	Opening	Closing
London 0/3-3/8	5-5/16	5-5/16
New York 12-1/2	22-1/2	22-1/2
India 18-3/4	18-3/4	18-3/4
Paris nominal	nominal	nominal
Hongkong 22-3/8	22-3/8	22-3/8

## Sterling

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot 0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2
Dec. 0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2
Jan. 0/3-15/32	0/3-1/2	0/3-1/2

## U.S. Dollars

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot \$5-17/32	\$5-9/16	\$5-9/16
Dec. 5-17/32	5-9/16	5-9/16
Jan. 5-1/2	5-17/32	5-17/32

Market:—Quiet.

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 22 1/2 per cent.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 28 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

## SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER  
Bombay, Dec. 28 (Reuters).  
Market:—Steady. Offtake 10 bars.

Indian Mint Silver  
Ready 62-00  
Dec. 61-15  
Jan. 22 Settlement 61-15

## BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Dec. 28 (Reuters).  
Loans on securities to brokers in New York:  
Wk.-ended 21/12/39 19/12/40 26/12/40  
\$666,000,000 \$400,000,000 \$337,000,000

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW  
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, December 28.	Previous Close	Dec. 28 Close	Opening	Closing	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER					
S.P.O.T.	38 3/8	38	37-3/4	off 1/4	
JAN-MARCH	37-5/8	37-5/8	37-5/8	unch.	
APRIL-JUNE	36-3/8	36-3/8	36-3/8		
The market was quiet.					
LONDON RUBBER					
S.P.O.T.	12				
JANUARY	12				
FEBRUARY	12-1/8				
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4				
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/4				
NEW YORK COTTON: The market continues to reflect the strength of the spot situation, and we still opinion July eventually above 10 7/8 cents.					
NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 129.51; Today's close, 130.11; Change up 50.					
NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on January 1.					

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET  
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.30	10.25	10.26	10.29	.03 up
New York Rubber, March	20.05	20.05	20.08	20.05	.03 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, March	12.94	12.71	12.69	12.93 1/2	.24 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
January	10.16	N	10.13 1/2	10.18	.02 up
March	10.26 1/2		10.26 1/2	10.29 1/2	.03 up
May	10.21 1/2		10.21 1/2	10.23 1/2	.02 up
July	9.99 1/2	10.00	10.01 1/2	10.03 1/4	.04 up
October	9.46 1/2		9.46 1/2	9.48 1/2	.02 up
December	9.44	N	9.43 1/2	9.46 1/2	.02 up
Spot	10.28	N	10.30	N	.04 up
Total sales Friday:—35,400 bales.					

NEW YORK RUBBER	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
January	20.23 1/2	unquoted	20.20 1/2	20.27 1/2	.03 off
March	20.08 1/2		20.05 1/2	20.05 1/2	.03 off
May	19.80 1/2	19.80 1/2	19.80 1/2	19.90 1/2	unch.
July (New contract)	19.74 1/2		19.75 1/2	19.70 1/2	.04 off
Total sales:—160 tons.					

CHICAGO WHEAT	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2	1 1/2 up
July	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	1 up
September	80 1/2		80 1/2	81 1/2	1 1/2 up
Friday's sales:—7,642,000 bushels.					

CHICAGO CORN	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2	1 up
July	61 1/2	unquoted	61 1/2	62 1/2	1 up
September	61 1/2		61 1/2	62 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
March	12.69 1/2	12.62 1/2	12.63 1/2	12.94 1/2	.24 up
June	12.48 1/2	12.57 1/2	12.66 1/2		.18 up
Total sales for the day:—150 contracts.					

N.Y. Official Silver	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2			unquoted	4.03-1/2	

## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuters).	Dec. 21 (1939)	Dec. 19	Dec. 26
Bills Bought			
U.S. Securities held	2,496,000	2,184,000	2,184,000
Federal Reserve Ratio	88.48%	86.76%	90.66%
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	2,645,000	2,206,000	2,338,000
Monetary Gold Stocks	17,578,000	21,898,000	21,930,000
Industrial Advances	11,139,000	7,433,000	7,598,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE  
(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 27.  
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Canton-Kiow Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Indn. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Tongan Rly. 5%	16 1/2
Tukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Yung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
Shai-N'Kling Rly. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%	

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 27 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £225-3/4.  
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £225-7/8.

(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	32
Ger. 7% Int. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	77
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	82
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearers)	16 1/3
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2 1/2
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	32 1/2
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	32
B.A. Tob. (bearers)	88 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	32 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	9 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29 1/2
United Steel	21 1/2
Woolworths	54 1/2
Maraman Investments	7 1/2
Western Holdings	9 1/2
Sub-Nigel	180
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearers)	38 1/2
—bid.	—ex. div.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 29, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 28	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 28
Adams Express	61		Loew's Inc.	31 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	24 1/2		Loft Incorporated	17 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	35 1/2		Mack Truck Inc.	30 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	71		Martin, Glen L.	30	
Amer. Can.	86 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, ptd.	24 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	37 1/2		Montgomery Ward	37	
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2		M'tain City Copper Co.	34	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	14 1/2		National Aviation	10	
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2		National Distillers	22 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2		National Lead	17	
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	4 1/2		National Supply Corp.	54	
Amer. Sugar Refining	13		New York Central	13 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	166 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	24	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	71		N. American Aviation	18 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2		North American Co.	10 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	26 1/2		Northern Pacific	8	
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	28	
Baldwin Locomotive	18 1/2		Packard Motors	31	
Baltimore & Ohio	31		Pan-American Airways	15	
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2		Paramount Pictures	10 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	8		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2		Philadelphia Read, Coal	37 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	85 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	19		Pullman Inc.	25 1/2	
Borg-Warner	19		Pure Oil	8 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	25		Radio Corp. of Am.	44 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	44		Reading Company, Com.	13 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	34		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	54 1/2	
Case, J.I.	52 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	5	
Celanese	27		Republic Steel	22 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	43		Revere Corp.	10 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	73 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	33 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44		Safeway Stores	42 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2		Schenley Distillers	11 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	22 1/2		Sears Roebuck	78 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2		Shell Union Oil	11	
Consolidated Oil	54 1/2		Secony-Vacuum Oil	8	
Continental Can	37 1/2		Southern Pacific	7 1/2	
Continental Oil	18 1/2		Southern Rly 5% pfd.	21 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	36 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9		Standard Brands	8 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	29 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	1	
Deere & Co.	20 1/2		Standard Oil of California	18	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	184		Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	764		Stone & Webster	74	
Du Pont de Nemours	164 1/2		Studebaker Com.	7 1/2	
Eagle Picher-Lead	10 1/2		Swift International	17 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2		Technicolor	9	
Elec. Autolite	33 1/2		Texas Corp.	40 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	34		Texas Gulf Sulphur	25 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	56 1/2		Timken-Axle	33 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	66		Trans-America Co.	4 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	53	
Flintkote	14 1/2		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	55		Union Carbide & Carbon	69	
Gen. Electric	32 1/2		Union Pacific	75 1/2	
Gen. Motors	48 1/2		United Aircraft	41 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	14 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2		United Corp.	13	
Glidden Co.	13 1/2		United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	27 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2		United Gas Corp.	1	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62 1/2		United Gas Improvement	9 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24	
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2		U.S. Rubber	22 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. ptd.	28 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$3 ptd.	85 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	19 1/2		U.S. Smelting	64	
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2		U.S. Steel	69 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	70		Vanadium	33 1/2	
Homestake Mining	50 1/2		Valtee Aircraft	7 1/2	
Int Nickel	23 1/2		Walworth Co.	54	
Inter. Paper & Power	15 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	5	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24		Westinghouse Elec.	102 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	30 1/2		Woodward Iron Cor.	31 1/2	
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	34		Chase National Bank	32 1/2	
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	42 1/2		National City Bank	26	
Lockheed Aircraft	274				



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RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore  
MATUMOTO MARU Thursday, 2nd Jan.  
GENOA MARU Sunday, 12th Jan.  
KOBE & YOKOHAMA  
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## U.S. PLANES FOR BRITAIN SHOULD CROSS SEAS ON THEIR OWN POWER

The British appeals for more airplanes come to us every day more loudly and insistently, writes Major Alexander P. de Seversky, in the Manila Bulletin. Under these circumstances it is distressing that the vast majority of American airplanes sent across the Atlantic should be subjected to serious delays and even more serious hazards of destruction even before they can be put into line.

It is especially to be regretted because these hazards are technically unnecessary and plainly the result of official shortsightedness.

There happens to be no valid technical excuse for the failure to build airplanes capable of crossing the ocean with a full military load under their own power. A relatively minor variation in structure could readily equip for self-delivery every military plane, from bomber to pursuit, being built for England.

**AERIAL BLOCKADE**  
There is no call to underestimate the German aerial blockade of Britain. Co-ordinated with the Nazi submarine fleet, it has taken a serious toll of shipping. Though the effects have thus far been sporadic, it is reasonable to expect an intensification of these blows as more of Germany's new four-engined long-range bombers are put into active service.

Every consignment of aircraft sent as sea freight must therefore run the gauntlet of the Nazi blockade.

**EXPOSED TO ENEMY.**  
That, however, is only the first of the dangerous hurdles. Having been dismembered and packed into boxes, the planes require complicated port facilities for discharge, and normally also call for assembly plants nearby. Throughout this process the helpless planes are under enemy fire.

With German air attacks on the Thames Estuary, Bristol, Liverpool and other ports almost continuous, the risks to which Britain's most valuable asset, its new aviation, is subjected are quite incalculable.

The so-called flying fortresses which this country has turned over to Britain go to their new destination on their own power. There is no good reason why every other plane should not do likewise.

**LACK OF VISION**  
The fact that they are incapable of the sustained flight is not to be checked up against the aviation industry and leadership, but against the lack of vision on the part of those responsible for military policies.

Why has this happened? Primarily because in all those countries the planning of war aircraft has been hampered by departmental jealousies and congealed ideas at the top. Commercial aviation, particularly in the United States, has shown itself magnificently effective.

Both the Pacific and Atlantic "air oceans" are being plowed regularly by our clippers, carrying passengers and freight for distances far greater than from Canada to the British Isles. Unhampered by rigid traditions, with the constructive genius of American aviation brains and Yankee enterprise given the right of way, commercial flying has established proud records.

**NO FREEDOM**  
But military aviation unfortunately has had no such freedom of development.

Even in those countries, where air power is officially a separate and distinct organization, it was developed lopsidedly under dominance either of the army or of the

navy, whichever was the traditional "backbone" of the national defence.

In Great Britain, for example, the air force was developed on the pattern of the British navy, whereas in Germany it was primarily co-ordinated with the action of the infantry and mechanized forces.

**ANTIQUATED PROCEDURE**  
In every nation, including our own, as air power develops to a point where it can discharge with greater effectiveness certain duties which were the prerogatives of the elder services, the latter reconcile themselves to that fact grudgingly—often only after long and stubborn attempts to hold on to the old system. Every time military aviation stretched its wings, it was likely to be snipped down by officialdom.

The astonishing fact that aircraft still goes through the antiquated procedure of disassembly, packing, transportation by sea, then reassembly at its destination—though aeronautical science makes it practical to fly all types to England—is due primarily to the deep-rooted British reliance on sea power.

**ALL DELIVERIES BY AIR**

Due to the present critical, if not desperate, situation in England it is increasingly obvious that air power must be self-sustained and all deliveries must be made by air. For us in America that fact holds crucial lessons. If we are unable to deliver airplanes on their own power to Britain, how can we hope to do so in an emergency for the Philippines and other distant but vital American outposts?

Except for training craft, every tactical plane built, whether for our own use or for England, ought to be able to proceed under its own power to any part of the British Empire or our own possessions and bases.

## Passengers

The following passengers left Hongkong on Friday for Manila by the President Pierce:—

Mr. Frederick Ellis, Rev. Father Serafin Enderitz, Mr. W. Hyde, Mrs. Angeles Silos, Mstr. Anthony J. Silos and Mr. Francisco Yaptinchay.

### DEPARTURES

The following were passengers on the S.S. President Coolidge which left the Colony on Saturday, Dec. 28:—

Miss C. R. Ady, Mstr. R. M. Ady, Mr. N. F. Allman, Mrs. L. A. Beery, Mr. D. M. Biggar, Mstr. Mark N. Bernheim, Miss Esther R. Bernheim, Miss Ruth E. Bernheim, Mstr. John A. Bernheim, Miss Lois M. Bernheim, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Broch, Mr. A. Brodard, Mr. Paul Buerger, Miss Ina Case, Mr. J. C. Davies, Mr. A. G. Doyle, Mrs. F. C. Fornes, Mstr. Michael Fornes, Miss Barbara Fornes, Mr. Louis Gladstone, Mr. Miles A. Goldrick, Mrs. P. P. Hoffman, Miss Carol Hoffman, Miss Hilary Hoffman, Mr. Morris Jensen, Mr. E. E. Johnson, Mr. Walter J. Kelly, Mrs. G. H. Kosten, Mr. Andrew Kurucz, Dr. O. C. Lockhart, Mr. & Mrs. F. A. McClure, Miss Janet McClure, Mr. Dennis Francis McNeil, Very Rev. Mother Joseph (Rodgers), Rev. Sister James (Rodgers), Mrs. Anna Louise Strong, Mr. M. Udharam, Mrs. F. K. Van Etten, Mstr. U. A. Van Etten, Mstr. T. R. Van Etten, Mstr. D. L. Van Etten, Mstr. Lane Van Etten, Mr. R. E. Warn, Mrs. R. E. Warn, Mrs. G. D. Wilson, Miss Gilrene Wilson, Miss Patricia Wilson.

A solitary German plane flew at a great height over the Merseyside area yesterday afternoon. Anti-aircraft defences opened fire and the raider disappeared.

### SIMPLE PROBLEM

Built-in or auxiliary fuel tankage for transportation is a simple problem, long ago solved and demonstrated in practice.

The least that the American defence programme must do is to take full advantage of aviation techniques already available. It must plan ahead, take the lead, and reduce to practice any ideas, no matter how audacious they may appear, if they hold the promise of better equipment and, therefore, tactical superiority.

This I am convinced, can be achieved only when we have an independent air force that will give unrestricted latitude to American aeronautical creativeness.

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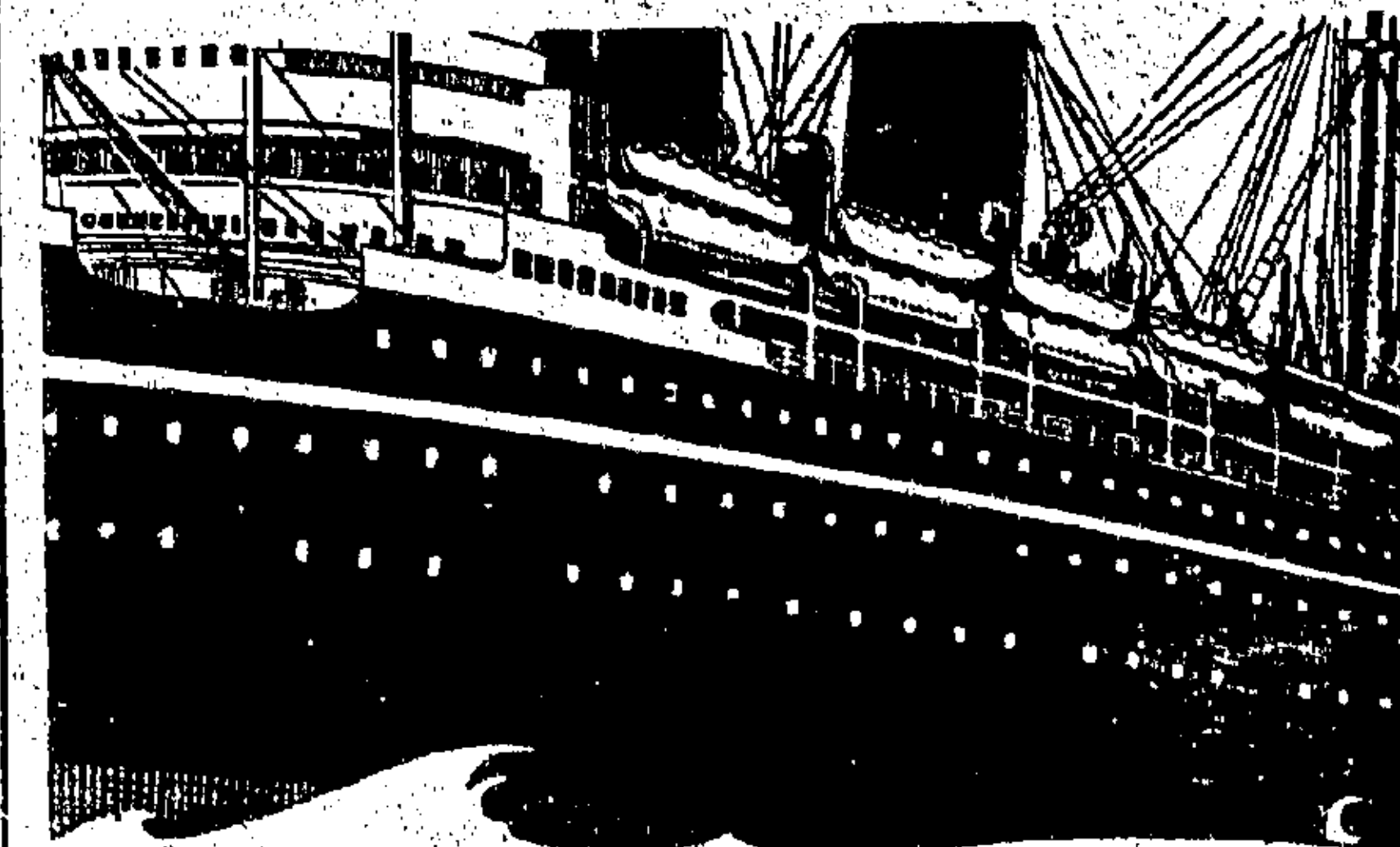
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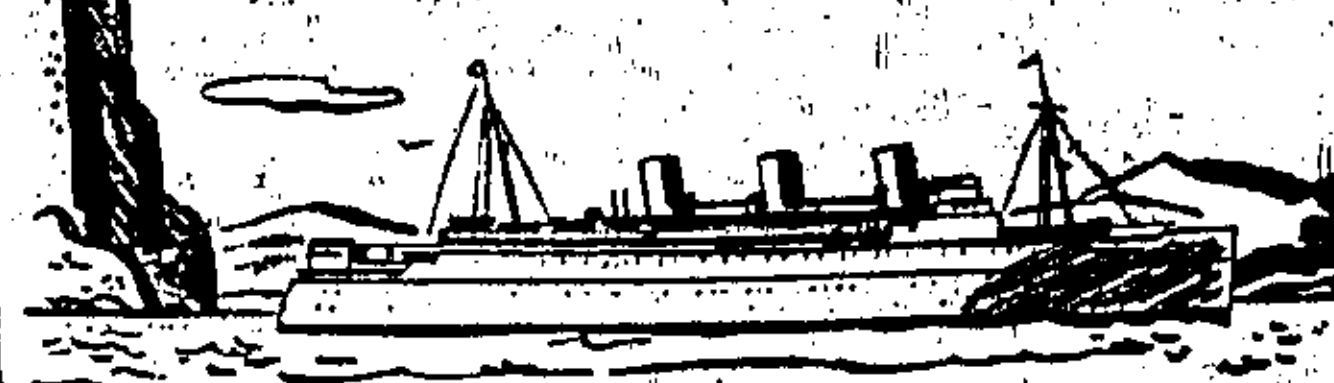
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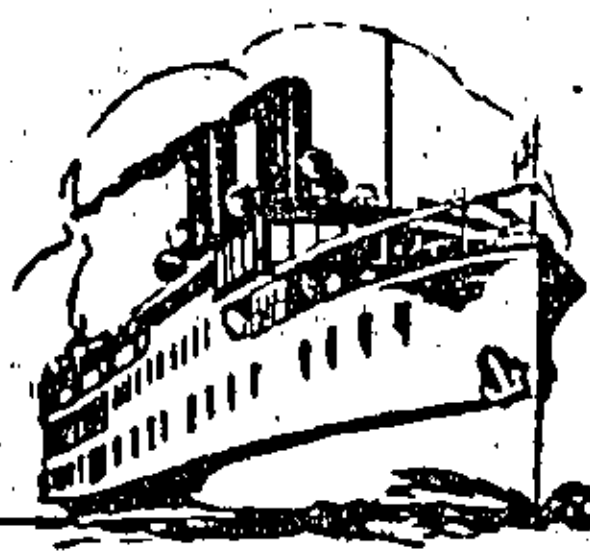
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## PRIZE DAY AT C.R.C.

The Chinese Recreation Club held their annual "At Home" and Prize-Giving at Causeway Bay yesterday. The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo giving away the prizes. There was an American lawn tennis tournament in the afternoon and the prize-giving was followed by tea.

The following were the prize winners:—  
C. R. C. "A" Division Lawn Tennis League team. Paul Kong (Capt.), Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yung-pui, Yu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-tong, Willie Hung, Luk Ting-cheung, Wong Siu-wai, Chan Tak-choi and Wong Hok-lau.

C. R. C. "B" Division Team: Wong Ka-lau, Ng Kam-tsun, Tsui Ping-fan, Luk Sun-cheung, Leung Sing-chiu, Cheung Sank, Cheng Chi-wing and Yu Tak-lam.

C. R. C. "C" Division Team: Pang Kwai-lam, Lau Fuk-ki, Chin Chun-chiu, Wai Tui-tung, Ma Wai-kun, Lam Yuk-ying, Yu Man-kit, Lei Yu-wing, Ma Siu-leung and Hon Lam-fun.

## HOME TOURNAMENTS

C. R. C. Home Tournaments (1939): Singles, Tsui Wai-pui; Runner-up, Tsui Yung-pui. (Challenge Cup presented by Yu Sze-wing, Esq.)

Doubles, Paul Kong and Tsui Yung-pui; Runners-up, Tsui Wai-pui and Lee Wai-tong. (Challenge Cup presented by Messrs. Lo and Lo.)

Handicap Singles, Ho Ka-lau; Runner-up, Wai Tsam-tung; Doubles, Ma Siu-leung and Chan Tak-choi; Runners-up, Lee Wai-tong and Cheung Sang.

Junior Singles, Cheung Sang; Runner-up, Chiu Po-hang.

The American Tournament staged yesterday was won by Mr. Lam Yuk-ying and Miss Yeung Wai-bun. Second prize was won by Tse Cheuk-yau and Pang Wai-lam and third prize by Lei Yu-wing and Lei Chun-wa.

## NOMADS WIN CLOSE HOCKEY MATCH

In a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday morning Nomads defeated Central British Association by four goals to three after leading 1-0 at the interval.

Though both sides fielded several reserves in their respective line-ups, quite a high standard was reached and the game was evenly fought throughout.

B. Xavier (2), Mendonca and P. Bull scored for Nomads, while E. Fowler and F. Fowler replied for the losers.

## GOLF TITLE FOR GROVES

In the final of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Championship at Fanling yesterday, F. Groves beat Col. H. B. Rose by two and one after being two up at the 18th. The golf was of only moderate standard, but the match was interesting and exciting.

## ROGER MISSION FOR BURMA

RANGOON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Two members of the Roger Mission is arriving here at the request of the Burma Government to explore the possibilities and for directing the production of Burma.

A representative of the Board of Trade, apart from the Mission, is also expected at Rangoon.

# Anglo-Chinese Export Credit Agreement Extended

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Central).—The Anglo-Chinese export credit guarantee agreement was extended today for another half-year for making available the unused balance of the credit for China's purchases. The extension was warmly received by the Chinese circles in London.

It is learned from well-informed Chinese circles here that regarding the section of the new British credit relative to the Chinese currency equalisation fund, necessary practical measures are being studied for preventing the Japanese from taking advantage of any situation which may affect the Chinese currency and also for safeguarding it from the injurious effects of speculation.

It is further believed that tri-cornered discussions are now taking place in Washington between Mr. T. V. Soong, Sir Frederick Phillips and the United States authorities with the view to co-ordinating joint Anglo-American measures for the support of the Chinese currency with their respective credits.

## STERLING AREA

Preliminary discussions regarding the details using the new British export credit are about to be initiated by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, and the Vice-Minister of Finance, Dr. P. W. Kuo, with the object of investigating the methods and extent of each producing country concerned inside the sterling area which could best supply individually China's immediate and future material requirements.

Negotiations with each producing country involved are necessary for releasing materials to China. While awaiting details regarding China's requirements being sent from Chungking, the problem is being further studied in London.

## KNOCKED DOWN BY TRAM

Leung Kwok, 21, was knocked down by a tram last evening at Des Voeux Road, near Hillier St., while he was crossing the road. He was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from head injuries.

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The first session of the conference between the Franco-Japanese Economic delegates is taking place on Monday. Mr. Matsumiya who headed the Japanese Mission to Indo-China and M. Rene Robin, Special French Envoy, will exchange views on general questions, the Foreign Office announced.

## Discussion Group See Films

A novel feature of the Y. M. C. A.'s Discussion Group programme last night was the presentation of a series of motion pictures taken by Mr. F. A. Kaufmann.

The pictures shown were a varied selection. There were three "Charlie Chaplins" taken some 20 years ago. Another reel depicted London before the war, but the most interesting of all was the one recording local sporting events.

Completing the pot-pourri was a series of still coloured photographs of scenes from "Twelfth Night," projected in natural colour as rendered by the Dufaycolour process. The presentation was made possible through the kindness of Lt.-Cmdr. J. C. M. Grenham who placed his projector at the disposal of the Group, and of S/Sgt. Jimmie James, R. A. P. C., whose colour transparencies were the last word in pictorial reproduction.

## INVASION PORTS HEAVILY RAIDED

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The R. A. F. raids on the German invasion ports were continued last night, watchers from the British coast estimating that at one time bombs were falling at the rate of 100 per minute.

Many hundreds of heavy high calibre explosive bombs were rained on these Nazi invasion ports and on the long-range gun positions. The attacks were delivered by wave after wave of bombers and covered the whole from Calais to Boulogne.

Soon after the first avalanche of bombs fell a big fire broke out on the French cliffs near the big gun emplacements near Cap Gris Nez, burning so brightly that the glare could be seen by the thousands of watchers on the British coast.

## LONDON ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS ROAR FOR 2 HOURS

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—After a three-day lull London on Friday night experienced one of the heaviest raids for some time; the attack began shortly after dark and was over before midnight.

An official Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique says the raid on the capital lasted four hours. Many bombs were dropped and several fires caused which were quickly put out, many being extinguished while the raid was still in progress.

There were a number of killed and injured and many dwelling houses were destroyed.

Enemy planes also dropped bombs in East Anglia and South-East England and at one point on the South Coast.

For two hours the roar of anti-aircraft guns in London hardly ceased.

The Nazi bombers first dropped flares and then incendiary bombs, followed by high explosives.

A hospital with 700 patients was damaged when two bombs dropped nearby but there were no casualties.

As the air raid on London developed it had the features of the worst blitz.

The crash of gunfire, flashes of bursting shells, the light of flares and the dropping bombs produced an awe-inspiring spectacle but Londoners carried on as usual.

Buses and trains ran and the main thoroughfares were never completely deserted.

The all-clear sounded in the London area well before midnight. British Wireless states that a London parish church was gutted as a result of being hit by a number of incendiary bombs. The church seats a thousand people.

In an adjacent thoroughfare a heavy bomb destroyed a hotel. A number of houses nearby were wrecked.

## TANGIER TALKS PROCEEDING

MADRID, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Conversations regarding the situation at Tangier arising out of the recent Spanish actions there now proceeding between the Foreign Minister, Senor Serrano Suner, and the British Ambassador, Sir Samuel Hoare, are believed to be progressing satisfactorily.

Some points, however, remain to be smoothed out.

## FOREIGN MAILS

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### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Wednesday, the 1st January 1941, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered & ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taipei and Un Long. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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Australia and Manila ...	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila ...	4th Jan.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 14th Dec.) ...	8th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits ...	8th Jan.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 13th December) ...	8th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila ...	11th Jan.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. 30th</b>
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island ...	Reg. 2.45 PM Ord. 3.30 PM
Canton ...	Reg. 2.45 PM Ord. 3.30 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 31st</b>
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" ...	Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 1.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban ...	Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 1.30 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thurs. 2nd</b>
United-Kingdom ...	Reg. 1.00 AM Ord. 1.10 AM
Holhow ...	Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" ...	Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta ...	Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. 3rd</b>
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" ...	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A., & Europe via "Pan American Airways and Transatlantic Services" ...	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 4th</b>
Sandakan ...	Reg. 8.30 AM Ord. 9.00 AM
Manila, Rataui, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane ...	Reg. 3/1 5.00 PM Ord. 4/1 9.30 AM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sun. 5th</b>
Manila, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban ...	Reg. 3.30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 6th</b>
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya ...	Reg. 8.30 AM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thurs. 8th</b>
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island ...	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
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SIDELIGHT on another and older war. Chinese munition workers pack supplies to help in the fight against the Japanese.